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Soviet consular team arriving next month

By MENACHEM SHALEV in Jerusalem and BENNY MORRIS in Liberia

The Foreign Ministry yesterday announced that the Dutch Embassy in Moscow had granted Israeli entry visas to a Soviet consular delegation. Officials in Jerusalem downplayed the apparent lack of Soviet acceptance of Israel's demand for reciprocity.

The Soviet delegation, headed by the deputy-director of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's consular department, Yevgeny Antipov, is slated to arrive here next month with the stated purpose of surveying Soviet property holdings - estimated at over \$250 million - renewing passports of Soviet citizens and examining the activities of the Finnish Embassy, which

represents Moscow's interests here.

Prime Minister Shamir said in Monrovia yesterday that Israel would stick to its demand for reciprocity - which means a similar consular visit by an Israeli delegation to the Soviet Union - but would not insist on "simultaneity."

"We are flexible to a degree and within reason about when the Israeli delegation will visit Moscow," Shamir said.

Well-placed sources said in Jerusalem yesterday that Shamir and Foreign Minister Peres had agreed in principle a few months ago to allow the Soviets to visit and not to insist at this time on a Soviet undertaking to allow a reciprocal visit. Israel's agreement was then conveyed to the Soviets and to the Dutch Embassy in Moscow, which represents Israeli interests.

The Soviets, however, decided not to send a delegation, because, observers say, they feared that such a move might hamper their efforts to achieve PLO unity at the Palestinian National Council, then meeting in Algiers.

The current granting of the visas was arranged through Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek who visited here this week.

Yesterday's Foreign Ministry statement was issued following consultations with the Prime Minister's Office. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ehud Gol said that "a decision has not been made here yet to send a consular mission." He added that "when" - and not if - "such a decision is made, we estimate the Soviets will comply." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Disruptions to continue

Egged bosses quit in bid to evade back-to-work order

By JONATHAN KARP For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - The Jerusalem District Court last night issued a temporary restraining order instructing Egged to end its limited strike and return to normal service.

The order, issued by the president of the Jerusalem District Court, Judge Yehuda Weiss, followed yesterday afternoon's collective resignation of Egged's secretariat in a move to evade a previous court order.

In view of last night's court order, it is unclear whether the disruptions to Egged services will continue today and tomorrow night in accordance with a secretariat decision made before the resignation. Buses were to stop today at 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m., and would resume tomorrow night only at 7:30.

The statement announcing the resignation said that the outgoing members estimated that Egged would be forced to stop all bus service some time tomorrow night, unless a suitable financial agreement was reached with the government. It was not clear whether this state-

ment was an actual threat to call a full strike.

Last night, Egged's city buses were stopped for the fourth night in a row. The cooperative also halted its service to rural communities at 6 p.m., and to the suburbs at 7 p.m. Service was to resume at 7 this morning, two hours later than normal.

Egged announced yesterday that at 7 last night it would reduce its interurban service to one line between the country's major cities, but there was confusion about this order. Drivers and dispatchers at Tel Aviv's Central Bus Station said they had heard nothing about these reductions and that all interurban lines were operating.

The only interurban lines not scheduled to be disrupted were those to and from Eilat, Egged announced.

Transport Ministry officials said that they were confused by Egged's statement about which bus lines would be stopped. Thus, Pinhas Ben-Shaul, national controller at the ministry, extended permission to

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A young reader browses at one of the Hebrew Book Week stalls in Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchei Israel. (Eli Shafir/Upa).

Bonn deals with West Bank via Amman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the traditionally good relations between Bonn and Jerusalem, the Federal Republic of Germany is the only country which still deals with the West Bank and with East Jerusalem through its embassy in Amman.

The German ambassador there, Herwig Bartels, comes regularly to Jerusalem from Amman to meet with Palestinian residents and to visit German church institutions, schools and welfare organizations in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem.

He also visits the Gaza Strip on occasion, since the German ambassador in Cairo who normally deals with Gaza finds it difficult to make the trip. The principle behind this anachronistic arrangement is apparently Bonn's ruling that the German embassy in Tel Aviv, under Ambassador Wilhelm Haas, should not deal with the areas that were captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

Bonn's official explanation for this unique situation is that Germany does not have a consulate in Jerusalem to deal with the West Bank and with East Jerusalem the way a number of European countries do.

In fact, though, most countries which have diplomatic missions in Israel but do not have consulates in Jerusalem maintain contacts with Arab residents in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem, as well as with institutions connected with their respective countries, through their Tel Aviv-based embassies.

The Israel Foreign Ministry has been reluctant to raise this issue in public and although Bonn seems to be aware of this unusual situation nothing is being done about it.

The frequent presence in Jerusalem of the German ambassador in Amman is normally kept in low profile. An apparent change in this attitude is marked by a formal reception this evening by Bartels at the offices of the German Provost at the Lutheran Church in East Jerusalem. The invitations were issued by "Herwig Bartels, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

Circles close to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek suggested recently that Foreign Minister Peres take up this matter when he meets German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn later this month.

IDF kills three more gunmen in S. Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

ROSH HANIKRA. - IDF troops shot and killed three gunmen near Hasbiyah in the security zone in South Lebanon around midnight on Wednesday, army sources reported yesterday. There were no casualties among the IDF soldiers.

Kalashnikov rifles and other weapons, including a LAW missile launcher, hand grenades and ammunition were found alongside the bodies.

It is believed they were planning to ambush the patrol. The midnight clash was the second encounter in 18 hours between IDF troops and gunmen. In the earlier incident, IDF troops killed three terrorists belonging to the fanatical Iranian-backed Hizbullah, without suffering any casualties. (See Rabin - page 2)

The sources noted that more than 130 gunmen had been killed by IDF and SLA forces since the beginning of the year.

Unicef head held for child sex crimes

BRUSSELS (Reuter). - The director for Belgium of the UN International Children's Fund (Unicef), was arrested yesterday on charges of indecency and incitement to debauchery against children, the Brussels public prosecutor's office said.

A Unicef spokesman confirmed that the man charged was Josef Verbeeck, the 63-year-old head of Unicef in Belgium.

"I am shell-shocked. It makes you wonder whom you can trust in this world... I find it difficult to believe. We are all in a state of shock here," the Unicef spokesman said.

Verbeeck's detention follows the arrest last March of nine people, including a Unicef volunteer, said by the police to be responsible for a major international child pornography ring.

Drug alert in the North

By BERNARD JOSEPHS

Police have ordered a drug alert in the north in the wake of mounting evidence that Lebanon has become a centre for the production of heroin.

Special narcotics units are keeping watch on crossing points between Israel and the South Lebanon security zone. In the past few weeks several smugglers have been caught.

Last week a man was arrested in Nazareth with half a kilo of heroin which he said came from across the Lebanese border.

A senior police source said that farmers in the Baalbek region of the Bekaa Valley were growing opium poppies from which the raw material for producing heroin is harvested. There have been reports of Syrian troops attempting to destroy the plants which are a lucrative crop for their owners.

A narcotics squad officer said that small amounts of Lebanese-grown heroin had been filtering across the Israeli border since the 1982 Lebanon War. But now, he said, there were signs that the country was be-

coming a major source of supply.

"Until recently smugglers had to get their heroin from Turkey, Iran or the Far East. This involved quite complicated maneuvers across the international frontiers before the stuff could arrive here. But now we have heroin right on our border," the officer said.

Drug smuggling routes from Lebanon are well-established. The country is one of the world's biggest producers of hashish and shipments of this drug regularly cross the border on their way to Egypt.

Meanwhile, as the police launch an all-out war on narcotics racketeers, the force's own figures indicate that last year there was a rise in drug crimes of about 25 per cent.

This year the amount of narcotics discovered by the police is expected to increase again. On Wednesday detectives at Ashdod grabbed a record 7.2 kilos of heroin that was hidden inside the back seat of a car imported from Belgium. (See "A Drugged State" in the weekend magazine.)

British Jew jailed in £20m. fraud

By DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. - A prominent Anglo-Jewish businessman, Alexander Grunfeld, yesterday began a four-year jail sentence after being convicted in the biggest VAT fraud case in British history.

Five other suspects in the case, all Jewish, have fled the country to avoid prosecution.

Three of them - Abraham Lipschitz, Benjamin Stolzberg and Bernard Devries - are known to be living in Israel. The other pair, Ron-

nie and Vivian Cohen, are thought to be in Canada.

Grunfeld, the Swiss-born son of the late Dayan Grunfeld of the British Beit Din, was convicted on Wednesday for his role in the massive fraud operation, a gold swindle that cost the British taxpayer at least £20 million. He was described in court as "the brains" of the operation and his conviction brought an end to a six-year investigation.

Grunfeld's trial was the third chapter in the complicated gold swindle story. The case first came to

public attention a year ago, when two brothers, David and Emanuel Schreiber, were jailed for six and for four-and-a-half years, respectively, for their roles in a £9m. swindle.

Later last year, a second trial had to be cancelled after the five other suspects fled to Israel and Canada. Three of them - Devries and the Cohens - jumped bail. Ronnie Cohen's mother, Clara, who had stood surety for her son, was then asked to pay his £200,000 bail, but she, too, fled the country.

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Israel blasts Pope's move on Waldheim

By MENACHEM SHALEV, HAIM SHAPIRO and agencies

Israel has strongly condemned Pope John Paul II's decision to host Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, with the Foreign Ministry spokesman saying that the move has "surprised the Jewish world and the state of Israel."

"We wonder what the motives for the decision were," spokesman Ehud Gol declared, "and we condemn it."

A brief Vatican statement released on Wednesday said that Waldheim would be received by the pontiff on June 25. A Vatican spokesman added that the visit was not personal but rather an official visit by an Austrian head of state in return for the pope's official visit to Austria in 1983.

But a spokesman for the Italian government said yesterday that President Pietro Cossiga would not meet with Waldheim "because of the internal political situation."

Foreign Ministry sources last night rejected the reciprocity contention, saying that the Vatican's explanation was "unacceptable." The Vatican should have been more sensitive than others, the sources said, in light of the lack of diplomatic relations with Israel and the special sensitivity attached to ties between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people.

The sources added that the decision was especially ill-timed, coming in the wake of the pope's recent visit to Poland and his homage to the destruction of Polish Jewry by the Nazis.

The planned visit has met with (Continued on back page)

Shamir may add fifth country to Africa tour

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent MONROVIA, Liberia. - A fifth country may be added to Prime Minister Shamir's African itinerary on Sunday, thus delaying his return home by a day.

(The fifth country may be Gabon, the Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea or Zaire.)

Briefing diplomatic correspondents on the Israel Air Force Boeing 707 taking him to Monrovia yesterday, Shamir said that "anything can happen" and indicated that the tour might be extended somewhat.

Liberia is the third leg of the tour. Shamir said that Israel is particularly eager to re-establish relations with Nigeria and Kenya, the two major English-speaking countries on the continent. After that, we will feel we are home, he said, adding "I think this is quite near."

Shamir's arrival in Monrovia yesterday morning differed markedly from the visits to Togo and Cameroon. At Monrovia International Airport and along the motorcade's route into town, there was a thick blanket of security forces, with helmeted soldiers armed to the teeth and obviously tense.

At every turn at the airport,

plainclothes security men hustled reporters and occasionally pushed cameramen as a small, grim crowd of Liberians looked on. Many of the soldiers were carrying Israeli Uzi sub-machineguns and wore Israeli-made helmets, boots and flak jackets.

At the presidential palace, President Samuel Doe, who took over Liberia in a bloody coup years ago, and Shamir exchanged gifts and brief greetings before embarking on political talks. It is understood that Doe is seeking an expansion of Israeli technical assistance including that in the security field.

Israel has agreed to assist Liberia "improve its image" and to develop its agricultural output, sources in the Prime Minister's delegation said last night after the meeting among Doe, Shamir and officials of the two governments.

The sources said that Israel has undertaken to train Liberian officials in Israel in how to improve their country's image abroad. This image has been badly damaged by Doe's treatment of political opposition and prisoners over the years.

Shamir, "moved by the plight of the country and its people," in the (Continued on Page 16)

The Tel Aviv Foundation Welcomes
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Spiegel and their Family
on the occasion of the groundbreaking of the Spiegel Family Park, the dedication of a memorial at Yad Vashem for the children who perished in the Holocaust, the dedication of a computer and mathematics building in Bar-Ilan University and the groundbreaking of the new Spiegel Family Wing of the Diaspora Museum.
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Chaim Herzog yesterday received David Azrieli, President of the Canadian Zionist Federation and Rabbi Meir Krentzman, the Federation's Executive Director, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Federation's establishment.

John and Laura Pomerantz, with their children, Marty and Susan, for the naming on Tuesday, June 16, of the Fred P. Pomerantz Centre for Technological Education at Boys Town, Jerusalem.

Sylvia Duran's dance troupe and the Gabrieli Quintet will appear in a benefit garden party of the Friends of Jeunes Musicales d'Israel on Saturday night, June 20, 1987 at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Aviva Goldman in Kfar Shmaryahu.

Argentinian Ambassador to Israel Alberto Ham visited the Weizmann Institute of Science on Wednesday as guest of its president, Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky, and also met with Prof. Nathan Trainin and David Mirelman and Mr. David Moushine.

The Israel Society for the Bereaved which helps bereaved couples with their grief has elected Dr. Michael Roskin as chairman, Nurit Ben-Dov vice-chairman and Miri Cohen-Avital as honorary president.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Ruth Jacobson, Hon. Nat. Pres. Mrs. Rosalee Silverstein, Hon. Nat. Pres. and Mrs. Daisy Bernau, National Treasurer of Amit Women to the Action Committee of the WZO.
The following South African delegation to attend the Action Committee meeting and Jewish Agency Assembly: J. Weinstein, M. Friedman, S. Sacks, H.A. Rosenberg, Mrs. S. Barzack, Mrs. F. Weinstein, H. Goldberg, M. Silverman, J. Fenik, M. Manoin and S. Yellin.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Trial of leftists for PLO meeting

Ramle judge asked to disqualify himself

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
RAMLE. - The trial of four Israelis who met with PLO members last year was suspended yesterday when defence attorneys asked the judge to disqualify himself, charging he was being unfair to their case.

Defence attorney Avigdor Feldman accused Judge Avraham Baizer of putting the defence in an "unbearable situation" by constantly cutting off its line of questioning.

The proceedings in the Ramle Magistrates Court were postponed when Feldman said he would ask the Supreme Court to disqualify the judge.

The trial is the first of its kind since the Knesset passed a law banning meetings with terrorists last year.

The accused are Latif Dori, Yael Dotan, Eliezer Feiler and Reuven Kammer. They met with a 15-member PLO delegation in Romania last November.

The courtroom dispute began when Baizer suspended Feldman while he was questioning the policeman who headed the investigation, Sandor Mazor.

Feldman asked Mazor to explain how much he had relied on secret information provided by the Shin Bet.

Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein told the court on

Wednesday that the four accused had not received permission to meet the PLO officials, and that the PLO is a terrorist organization.

Prime Minister Shamir's office said yesterday that Israel had sanctioned meetings between Israelis and the PLO, but only to win the release of captured Israeli ships.

The Prime Minister's Office statement said it wanted to correct what it called "distorted local media reports" of secret court testimony on Wednesday by an agent of the Shin Bet who was identified as "Reuven." He was quoted by the media as testifying in the Ramle trial that the government had approved meetings between Israelis and the PLO.

Meanwhile, in Beersheba yesterday, Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Bassiony said that his government welcomes contacts between Israelis and PLO officials.

"In general, you cannot choose the people with whom you must negotiate," he said, "and the PLO is the only representative of the Palestinian people. Egypt is in favour of any step, any meeting, any proposal that can lead to our goal of a comprehensive, lasting, just peace."

The envoy was speaking with reporters at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Reagan attends signing of VOA agreement

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - President Ronald Reagan presided over a White House ceremony marking U.S.-Israeli agreement for a new radio relay station in Israel, one of the world's largest installations of its kind.

Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty will broadcast via the new station.

Reagan hailed the accord and said, "With this signing, our special historical relationship will be given another dimension. We could not be happier in this partnership with Israel, because it will result in a

broader dissemination of those values which we have in common."

The warm atmosphere at the signing ceremony at the White House yesterday was in sharp contrast to that which has characterized the relationship between the two countries in the last half year in the wake of the Pollard, Irangate, and Security Services scandals.

Israel's Economic and Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi, U.S. Information Agency Director Charles Wick and Board for International Broadcasting Chief Malcolm Forbes Jr. signed the agreement at the White House.

IBA may choose close-out

By GREER FAY CASEMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Israel Broadcasting Authority may instigate a close-out against workers in retaliation for sanctions imposed this week by IBA technicians.

This follows a week of disruptions caused by workers demanding retroactive pay increases. Sanctions by technicians caused television to be closed down for one hour last night.

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Private bus companies were also allowed to serve as substitute public transport during the strike hours, charging the same price as cars - NIS 1 for rides up to five kilometres, and an additional shekel for every 10 kilometres.

Jerusalem District Court president Yehuda Weiss last night issued an injunction against Egged, ordering the bus cooperative to refrain from any activity that would disrupt service to the public.

His decision followed the collective resignation of Egged's secretariat in the late afternoon. The injunction was issued by Weiss, from his home, at the request of the Israel Consumers Association.

The Jerusalem District Court earlier issued a temporary restraining order instructing Egged to end the limited strike and return to normal and uninterrupted service. Judge Elihu Ben-Zimra, deciding in favour of an Israel Consumers Asso-

ciation petition, said that the disruptions violated the terms of Egged's contract.

The association argued that as a monopolistic service, Egged was forbidden to disrupt service. Moreover, they argued that the strike was malicious in that it was designed to put pressure on the Transport and Finance ministries at the public's expense.

After the court handed down its ruling, Egged officials delayed their response, claiming that they had not received the order in their hands. Finally, at 5:30 in the afternoon, the secretariat resigned, saying that they had no choice but to violate the order.

The collective resignation of the secretariat was designed as a means to free the Egged management from responsibility of not implementing the first court order. The second court order, however, included an amendment which made each member of the cooperative, not just the management, responsible for violating the order.

In addition, the Israel Consumers Association last night decided to file a contempt of court petition. It was reported that the association will today also demand a fine of NIS 10,000 per Egged member per day until the disruptions are ended.



Representatives of Jewish organizations protest yesterday outside the Mount of Olives residence of Apostolic delegate Carlo Curis against the pope's decision to meet with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim. (Yaron Kaminsky)

Unrwa commissioner ends tour of areas at Dehaishe

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Unrwa commissioner-general Giorgio Giacomelli toured the Dehaishe refugee camp yesterday and said the fence erected in front of the camp was an "ugly and unpleasant contraption" which symbolized the lack of improvement in conditions of Palestinian refugees camps.

However, he added that he was "very pleased" by Israeli intentions to improve the quality of life of the refugees.

Giacomelli, who has spent five days visiting the territories, viewed the fence erected last week to deter stone-throwing onto the Jerusalem-Hebron highway, which runs by the camp. The fence was erected after a

night of unrest in Dehaishe, in which three Israeli vehicles were stoned. Shopkeepers in Dehaishe have complained that the fence has seriously hurt their business, and an Unrwa spokesman said it hampered the emptying of septic tanks near neighbouring homes.

Giacomelli said the fence could bring on another "spiral of resentment" in Dehaishe, adding that he expected the Israeli authorities to consider less "mechanical" preventive measures, which would address the refugees' living conditions.

He acknowledged that the fence had been erected because of immediate security concerns, and said that in his talks with Israeli officials

he had discussed "that the ugly and unpleasant contraption... Giacomelli met yesterday with the Coordinator of Activities in the Territories, Shmuel Goren. He met earlier with Foreign Minister Peres.

Giacomelli denied East Jerusalem press reports that there had been a cutback in Unrwa activities, and said the agency had maintained and even expanded its education and health projects.

In other West Bank news, an Israeli car was burnt late Wednesday night near the village of Kharbata after its driver left the car to seek assistance when it broke down. The burnt vehicle was discovered by IDF troops. Police are investigating.

Supreme Court strikes blow for anti-smoking lobby

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

In a victory over the smoking lobby, the Supreme Court yesterday ordered the Defence Ministry to show cause why its weekly magazine for soldiers, *Bamahane*, should not cease advertising cigarettes.

Three justices, Deputy Court President Miriam Ben-Porat, Moshe Bejale and Aharon Barak - gave the ministry 30 days to reply to the order.

The suit was initiated by Amos Hammer, legal adviser of the Society for the Prevention of Smoking, with the moral support of the Health Ministry. The Health Ministry says the magazine earns NIS 200,000 a year from cigarette advertising.

Avraham Yaskil at 93

HAIFA (Itim). - The doyen of Israeli artists, Avraham Yaskil, died here on Wednesday, at the age of 93. He willed his body to science.

Yaskil was honorary president of the Israel Artists' Association. He taught art in Haifa for some 50 years and was mentor to some of the country's most famous painters.

Slogging away

By ANDY GOLDBERG
TEL AVIV. - A senior city official was unofficially suspended this week on suspicion of fraud, breach of trust, and obtaining money under false pretences.

The city comptroller disclosed that for the past seven years city water administration head, Tuvia Avniel, has been clocking in for work at 4:30 a.m. and spending the following three hours at the poolside, and over breakfast at his home. A full story appears in today's *Metro*. The *Jerusalem Post* supplement distributed in the Dan region.

Tel Aviv Journalists Association

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Invitation to a General Meeting

Members of the Tel Aviv Journalists Association are invited to a special general meeting, to discuss changes or additions to the Association's regulations.

The special general meeting will take place on Sunday, June 21, at 5:30 p.m. in Beit Sokolow, Tel Aviv.

At 4:00 p.m. on the same day, the first of the Association's bi-annual general meetings will take place, at the same venue.

The members of the Association are asked to participate in both these meetings.

Yona Shimshi
General Secretary

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to the Jewish Agency Assembly and to the Zinman College graduation ceremony.

Rabin: Hizbullah, not PLO, poses threat in North

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday he believed the extremist Shi'ite Hizbullah - not the PLO - posed the most serious threat to security in the North. "We'll have to adapt our ways and means (to deal with that)," he told defence reporters here.

Hizbullah's power has been steadily increasing in the past six to eight months. Though the mainstream Amal militia is still the dominant force in South Lebanon, Hizbullah, which is financed by Iran, is now seen as having the greatest "terrorist capability to attack the security zone."

(In recent weeks Hizbullah has expanded its large-scale conventional attacks to include the Jezzeine area as well as continuing occasional guerrilla-style attacks against the IDF and the South Lebanese (SLA) Army units in the security zone.)

Hizbullah's strength stems in part from an estimated 1,000 Iranian Revolutionary Guards deployed in the Bekaa valley. Rabin said these guards were engaged in organization, training and advisory activities.

The situation could worsen if the current "nascent" contacts between Hizbullah and the Palestinians were to develop into a formal alliance.

Israel has already detected "signs" of such a development. Rabin said, without giving details. He did, however, say he expected Hizbullah and the Palestinians to form an ad hoc coalition to "dwarf Amal, or restrict its influence."

"The potential for terrorist attacks on the security zone and Israel in cooperation with the PLO poses the greatest danger," Rabin said.

Such cooperation could undermine the relative calm which has reigned in Upper Galilee since Israel withdrew most of its troops from Lebanon in June 1985.

IN BRIEF

Rabin hits petitions

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin last night condemned the recent signing of petitions by reservist soldiers condemning or supporting the action of West Bank settlers at the Dehaishe Refugee Camp.

Rabin said that soldiers should not take political stands. He ordered Chief of Staff Dan Shomron to take action against soldiers who sign political petitions.

Girl dies in lift

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A four-year-old girl was fatally injured yesterday in an elevator accident in a Ramat Aviv immigrants' hostel.

Israel Radio said the accident occurred when a ball the girl was playing with as she ascended with her mother fell into a space between the moving elevator and the shaft wall. She put her hand into the space in an attempt to retrieve it and was caught. The girl died in Ichilov Hospital.

Accused rapist remanded

TEL AVIV. - Hassan Amin, 25, of Dir el-Assad, who is accused of brutally raping a 19-year-old tourist, was yesterday remanded into custody until the end of the court hearings against him.

The District Court ruled that he was a public menace.

The accused is charged with forcing the tourist to leave the beach at knife-point and raping her at a beachside apartment. (Itim)

Body found in sheep-pen

NETANYA. - The lifeless body of Moba Hajaj was found yesterday morning near her home in Moshav Ein Sarid in the Sharon region.

The 65-year-old woman had been gagged and bound before her body was thrown into the sheep-pen in her backyard, police said. There were indications that she had been robbed.

Hajaj lived on her own.

Police yesterday evening arrested a suspect. (Itim)

Pilot injured in crash

CARMIEL. - A light aircraft which was spraying crops crashed yesterday morning near the Sheva junction in the north. The pilot was seriously injured.

Passersby summoned ambulances.

The reason for the crash has not yet been established. (Itim)

Syrian cosmonauts tested

MOSCOW (Reuter). - Syria's first spacemen have passed medical tests, clearing the way for them to take part in a flight with two Soviet cosmonauts to the orbiting Mir space station next month, the official news agency Tass said yesterday.

Professional pilots Mohammed Faris and Munir Habib have been preparing for the week-long mission for more than a year at the Soviet Union's cosmonaut training centre outside Moscow.

Honour mooted for Dulzin

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

When Aryeh Leon Dulzin completes his second term as chairman of the World Zionist Organization in December, the Zionist Congress may elect him president, a post last filled by the late Nahum Goldmann two decades ago. The post is not merely honorary but embraces executive powers.

This prospect hardened yesterday when the Zionist General Council unanimously adopted the resolution drafted by a Zionist caucus last week declaring "complete support" for Dulzin and calling on the ZGC to "find a suitable means" of expressing this.

The closing of ranks behind Dulzin stemmed from the feeling that he had been shabbily dealt with by the Jewish Agency fundraisers last February when he was forced to sign a letter promising that he would not seek re-election. But it was also a

message to the fundraisers that "the Zionists" would resist further "inroads on their powers."

Responding to several proposals advanced during this week's deliberations, the ZGC also instructed the Executive to prepare, prior to the Congress in December, a plan for "the comprehensive reorganization of the Zionist movement."

But the big surprise of the closing session yesterday was the adoption of two resolutions jointly sponsored by delegates representing the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform wings of Judaism. One called for a lessening of tensions among Jews, both in Israel and the Diaspora.

The second "harmony" resolution resolved that all programmes taking place in WZO-owned institutions, and all WZO public functions at hotels be conducted "under full conditions of Shabbat and kashrut observance."

SOVIET

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A senior government official said yesterday that the Soviets have been sending messages to Israel through diplomatic channels which were much more agreeable to the principle of reciprocity than the stark rejection of the notion voiced by Foreign Ministry spokesman Genady Gerasimov in a press conference in Moscow on Monday.

Although the Soviets have insisted that the delegation's purpose is strictly "consular," officials in Jerusalem attach significant diplomatic importance to it. But a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office warned yesterday against an exaggerated build up of the visit "so that we shouldn't demean ourselves."

"This is a milestone," he said, "but only a low ranking one."

The Associated Press yesterday said that U.S. officials will explore the possibility of convening an international conference with the Soviets in Geneva later this month.

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The World Zionist Organization Zionist General Council

The following resolution was adopted at the closing session of the Zionist General Council on Thursday, June 18, 1987 (21 Sivan 5747):

1. The Zionist General Council expresses its appreciation and esteem of the Chairman of the Zionist Executive and the Jewish Agency, A.L. Dulzin, for his contribution over a long period to the Jewish people and to Zionism, and for his admirable work in advancing the national objectives in Israel, and in the Diaspora.

The Zionist Movement and all of its components will find a proper way to express this appreciation before the Zionist Congress.

2. The Zionist General Council expresses its sorrow at the way in which the February 1987 discussions of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency were conducted. Real partnership between the Zionist Movement and the representatives of the Appeals requires exhaustive and constant communication, as well as a joint effort to reach maximal understanding, while preserving mutually friendly and honourable relations.

Violation of these principles harms the essence of the partnership, and damages the important joint activity of the Jewish Agency and its image, both in Israel and abroad.

3. The Zionist General Council determines that the institutions of the World Zionist Organization are the only bodies authorized to decide on the continued service of the chairman and members of the Executive, and on the election of office holders in the World Zionist Organization.

The resolution was presented by:

Meir Ya'akov Doolman - Herut Hatzion
Mordechai Dayan - General Zionists
Yehiel Leket - La'Rous Zionists
Movement
Yitzhak Mayer - Mizrahi Hapoel
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Michael Boyden - Arzenu
Raya Jaglom - Wizo
Asher Ohayon - Sephardi World
Federation
Arthur Levine - World Council of
Synagogues
Israel Ben-Rita - Ma'achai

Pitched battles in S. Korea as police, protesters clash

SEOUL (Reuters). - Tens of thousands of anti-government protesters, mostly students but also ordinary citizens, raged through South Korea's main cities yesterday, battling huge forces of riot police in an effort to force President Chun Doo Hwan to quit.

Pitched battles were reported in many locations in the capital, Seoul, in the country's second city, Pusan, and in Incheon, Kwangju, Taegu and Taejeon.

Hails of rocks and petrol bombs rained down on serried ranks of green-clad riot police in the narrow streets around Pusan's Roman Catholic centre, where possibly as many as 20,000 demonstrators returned again and again to the attack.

In Seoul, hundreds of students surrounded a unit of about 40 police, disarmed them, ripped off their tear-gas masks and battered them to the ground, witnesses said. All their equipment was torched.

Elsewhere in the capital, an estimated 2,000 demonstrators briefly re-occupied the precinct of the Roman Catholic cathedral, scene of a dramatic five-day sit-in last week. They later left peacefully.

Several thousand others fought running battles on the streets with an estimated 20,000 riot police

firing tear gas and plainclothed security agents.

It was the ninth straight day of widespread anti-government protests and the worst violence since June 10, when student leaders, residents and opposition politicians declared a day of protest at Chun's refusal to allow a new, more democratic electoral system.

The disturbances have prompted the authorities to decree early summer vacations for students of 49 universities, at the latest count, across the country.

The pretext for yesterday's street protests was a call by Christian women's groups to outlaw the excessive use of skin-burning tear-gas for crowd control.

Outside a Seoul church, women and teenage girls, their eyes streaming from tear gas, confronted riot police in protest at last week's grievous injuries to a student hit directly when police fired tear gas canisters head-high into a crowd of demonstrators. The student is still in hospital on a life-support system, and doctors say he is brain-dead.

Members of the women's groups chanted, "No more tear gas" and "Down with dictatorship" in the face of hundreds of riot police armed with clubs, shields and tear gas launchers.

The women covered their faces as tear gas, fired at demonstrators in other parts of the city, drifted into the area.

Drivers of taxis, buses and cars responded to an opposition call by blaring their horns in protest, fresh evidence that increasing numbers of ordinary citizens are backing the radical student protesters.

In the offices of the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP), there were signs that politicians were urging Chun - who came to power in 1980 after a military putsch - to allow renewed debate on free elections.

On April 13 Chun sparked widespread anger when he declared he was shelving inter-party discussions on constitutional reform until after the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games.

In London Wednesday, the International Olympic Committee said that violent political demonstrations in South Korea have made "absolutely no change" in its plans to hold the games in Seoul.

Michele Verdier, the IOC spokeswoman, said that barring an act of war, the Olympics next year would remain in the South Korean capital, where they were awarded in 1981.



Korean students overpower riot police during a street battle in central Seoul yesterday. (AFP)

U.S. reporter is kidnapped in Lebanon

Post Middle East Staff and Agencies

BEIRUT. - Gunmen have abducted U.S. journalist Charles Glass and Ali Osseiran, son of Lebanon's Defence Minister, in a car south of Beirut, police said yesterday.

Lebanon's Druse and Shi'ite militias, meanwhile, were reconciled Wednesday after a bloody four-month feud that prompted Damascus to dispatch a 7,500-man force into West Beirut in February.

Also, Lebanon's top Shi'ite official, parliamentary speaker Hussein Husseini, said yesterday he had reversed his decision to resign from his post.

Police said the two latest kidnappings were seized on Wednesday as they were travelling back to Beirut from Sidon.

Glass's wife, Fiona, told Reuters by telephone from London that her husband had not contacted friends or relatives since Tuesday.

The Christian militia-run Voice of Free Lebanon Radio said Glass and Osseiran were in the Shi'ite Moslem southern suburbs of Beirut, where several other foreign kidnappings have been reported.

Glass, a former television journalist with the American ABC network, was writing a travel book on the Middle East. His kidnapping was the first involving a foreigner since February's incursion of Syrian troops into West Beirut.

In Bonn, West German television reported Lebanese security officials believe Glass may have been kidnapped to prevent him from testifying in the trial of a suspected TWA hijacker.

The report noted that Charles Glass became known throughout the world for his coverage of the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut.

In Damascus, Shi'ite Amal Militia leader Nabih Berri and Druse leader Walid Jumblatt made peace Wednesday night in the presence of Syrian vice-president Abdel Halim Khaddam, Damascus Radio reported.

The Shi'ite Druse reconciliation, along with Husseini's retraction of his resignation, came as Lebanon's Moslem and leftist militia leaders held talks in Damascus on setting up a new Syrian-backed front. The talks follow the assassination of Sunni Moslem Prime Minister Rashid Karamah.

The new alliance is intended to reduce the power of Lebanon's Christians, whom Moslems accuse of killing Karamah.

FRAUD

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Grunfeld, 43, of Hampstead, London, was formerly a director of a Manchester-based precious-metal company. He was found guilty of buying and melting down gold coins on which Value Added Tax (VAT) was not due, and reselling them as gold bars on which VAT was due.

Grunfeld's syndicate sold the bars at a price including the 15 per cent VAT payment, and pocketed it. The syndicate then set up an elaborate paper maze, involving numerous dummy companies at false addresses, to create a convoluted trail it hoped would baffle investigators.

Convicted along with Grunfeld were George White, 37, who was jailed for two years, and Thomas Lee, 43, who was given a three-year sentence.

A member of Grunfeld's family, who declined to be further identified, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the jury's verdict in the Old Bailey was "a travesty of justice." Grunfeld was "completely innocent of the charges against him," he said.

Not a penny of the £20m. in fraudulent profits made by the businessmen has been recovered and the massive customs investigation has cost a further £3m.

Because VAT evasion is not an extraditable offence, there is little hope of bringing back to trial the five who have fled to Israel and Canada, *The Post* was told yesterday.

Nazism like apartheid, says Barbie's new lawyer

LYON (Reuters). - Klaus Barbie's new second lawyer, Congolese Jean-Martin M'Bemba, said yesterday he agreed to defend the former Gestapo officer to illustrate the parallels between Nazism, colonialism and racism in South Africa.

The 45-year-old black lawyer from Brazzaville made a surprise appearance alongside Barbie's counsel Jacques Verges last month during the second week of the crimes against humanity trial. He then returned to Africa and reappeared for the first time this week.

He told Reuters relatives of the former Gestapo secret police officer asked him over a year ago to assist Verges at the trial. He refused to say whether the request came from Barbie's daughter, who lives in Austria, or from his daughter-in-law, a resident of Bolivia.

After months of reflection he agreed, like Verges, to take on the case free of charge. He did so, he said, to demonstrate that crimes against humanity were neither unique to the European continent nor restricted to World War II.

"When people die in South Africa it is because they are black, just as the Jews were exterminated by the Nazis because they were Jewish," he said.

"I agreed to defend Barbie to correct this narrow vision of things."

UAE in turmoil over palace coup

BAHRAIN (Reuters). - The Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates reconvened yesterday to try and solve a struggle between two brothers over the rulership of the Gulf emirate of Sharjah.

A source close to the ruling family said a dispute arose from a quarrel between the brothers, Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed al-Qassimi, who had ruled the emirate since 1972, and Sheikh Abdel-Aziz, who on Wednesday said he had replaced him in a palace coup.

The source told Reuters that Sheikh Abdel-Aziz, 48, had complained that the financial policies of Sheikh Sultan, 43, were ruining Sharjah's economy.

The emirate, with a population of 220,000, has debts estimated by some bankers at \$1 billion and has to spend half its revenue in servicing them.

Sheikh Abdel-Aziz was also critical of a ban on alcohol imposed last year, saying it had hit the business of hotels and other firms owned by big traders, the source said.

All the other emirates in the UAE, a federation formed in 1971 under British tutelage, serve alcohol in hotels.

The source said the row came into the open about 12 days ago. "Sheikh

Sultan then took his family to their home in Britain and Sheikh Abdel-Aziz decided to use the opportunity to take over," he said.

Other rulers in the UAE rejected the change in power and sent a three-man delegation to Sharjah to try and resolve the situation. The supreme council, the highest authority in the federation, then met again to hear their report, but it has no binding authority to compel Sharjah to reinstate Sheikh Sultan.

The UAE constitution is only temporary, renewed every five years in the absence of agreement on a permanent one.

Sheikh Sultan returned from London last night and was in the neighbouring emirate of Dubai awaiting the outcome. His wife, still in London, quoted him as saying: "I am still the legitimate ruler of Sharjah."

The source close to the family said: "Sheikh Abdel-Aziz is physically in power in Sharjah, but after the supreme council rejected his action, his position is faltering."

In Sharjah, armed guards protected the ruler's palace and the business area containing most of the foreign banks. Guards were also seen on several roof-tops as helicopters flew overhead. But people said the mood was calm.

UK cuts diplomatic ties with Iran to the bone

By DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. - Britain yesterday severed virtually all diplomatic links with Iran, cutting its representation in Teheran to a single diplomat, and ordering Iran to follow suit in Britain.

But Britain stopped short of a complete break in relations, for fear of jeopardizing the safety of British hostages - such as church envoy Terry Waite - being held in Beirut by pro-Iranian groups.

Yesterday's developments were the almost inevitable conclusion to a three-week series of tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions that was sparked by the arrest of an Iranian official in Manchester on shoplifting charges.

The Foreign Office readily admitted yesterday that this incident had been blown up out of all proportion, and that bilateral relations need never have sunk to the present low.

Whitehall sources suggested that Britain had tried hard to keep relations on a more normal footing. Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, they said, waited several days for an explanation of the Tehran abduction of diplomat Edward Chapman before he decided that action had to be taken against the Iranian

authorities.

Howe tried to make a fresh start again last week, the sources said, when he sought to reduce the level of Iranian representation in Britain to "sensible" proportions. But this move was rebuffed, as Iran responded with the expulsion of further British diplomats from Teheran.

British patience finally ran out on Tuesday, and the head of the British Interests Section in Teheran, Christopher MacRae, was sent to the Iranian Foreign Ministry with the message that Britain was withdrawing all but one of its officials, and that it expected Iran to do the same in Britain.

At that point, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday, Iranian officials expressed contrition over the turn of events, and put forward a series of proposals aimed at maintaining better diplomatic contacts. But these were rejected by the Foreign Office, and the Iranian authorities were told Wednesday that the decision stood.

The Iranian news agency, Irna, yesterday attempted to suggest that Iran had acted first in deciding to pull its diplomats out of London, but the Foreign Office made it clear that it was Britain that had insisted that all but one Iranian diplomat be out of London by June 30.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Gandhi party crushed in vital India ballot

NEW DELHI (AP). - Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party was defeated by a landslide yesterday in a critical election in the key Hindu state of Haryana.

With results complete in 44 of the 87 state assembly seats being decided, the Congress Party won only a single seat and lost at least 18 districts it previously controlled.

A powerful farmer-based opposition coalition won 37 seats. An analysis on government television projected the coalition could win a two-thirds majority in the state where Gandhi's party had ruled.

CIA said funding Philippine vigilantes

MANILA (Reuters). - A private U.S. fact-finding team has called for the abolition of anti-communist vigilante groups in the Philippines, charging they were being funded and armed by the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

It said the proliferation of the vigilantes could result in human rights violations "far exceeding the horror of the Marcos era" - a reference to widespread human rights abuses during the rule of former president Ferdinand Marcos.

U.S. airports miss 20% of weapons

NEW YORK (Reuters). - A government study has found that security guards fail to detect 20 per cent of the weapons brought to airport boarding gates in the U.S., *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

The paper said the study, conducted for the Federal Aviation Administration and a House of Representatives subcommittee, showed that the detection rate ranged from a high of 99 per cent to a low of 34 per cent, depending on the airport. The study did not identify the airports so as not to assist potential hijackers find the easiest access, the *Times* said.

Vietnam elects new heads HANOI (AFP). - Vietnam's National Assembly yesterday elected Pham Hung prime minister and Vo Chi Cong state president, it was announced here.

In an inaugural meeting that began Wednesday, the 496 deputies also elected Le Quang Dao president of the assembly, the official Vietnamese News Agency said.

Hung, 75, who ranks second in the politburo, and Cong, 74, who ranks third, replace former prime minister Pham Van Dong and former president Truong Chinh, who asked to step down due to their age; both are in their eighties.

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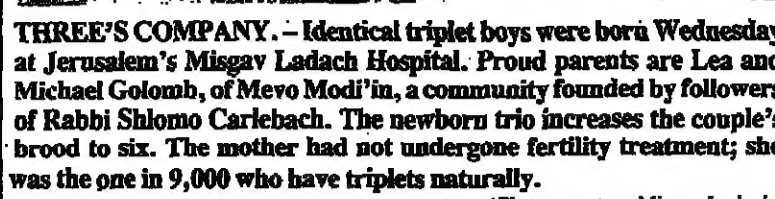
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THREE'S COMPANY. — Identical triplet boys were born Wednesday at Jerusalem's Migdal Lachad Hospital. Proud parents are Lea and Michael Golomb, of Mevo Modi'in, a community founded by followers of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. The newborn trio increases the couple's brood to six. The mother had not undergone fertility treatment; she was the one in 9,000 who have triplets naturally.

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The lecture will be delivered in English, accompanied by slides, on **Wednesday, June 24, at 8:00 p.m.** in the **Reinhold Lemme, the Immed Museum**.

Dr. Yossi Alghazi of the League for Human and Civil Rights said both his organization and Amnesty International are concerned about Vanunu's kidnapping, the difficult conditions of his imprisonment and the secrecy of his trial. Amnesty will ask permission for their representative to be present at the trial, he said.

Meir Vanunu told reporters that the Shin Bet executive who headed the investigation into his brother was Yossi Ginosar, the operative who was involved in the bus No. 300 and the Nafsu affairs.

"Morti says he remembers the famous smile of Yossi Ginosar," Vanunu said.

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DEALING WITH THE AIDS MENACE

Despite the warnings about the growing danger of Aids, many governments have yet to take drastic action to combat it. Three 'Jerusalem Post' correspondents discuss what is being done in Israel, Britain and France.

ISRAEL
Judy Siegel

ISRAEL'S HEALTH authorities show no signs of requiring large groups in the population to undergo blood tests for Aids. "Given the relatively small number of cases here, and the fact that the money could be more usefully spent on other health needs," says Dr. Moshe Mashiah of the Health Ministry, "we are not even thinking of wide-scale screening at present."

The ministry spends some \$1 million a year running tests on all donated blood in the country and testing - free - the blood of anyone requesting it at one of the seven testing centres. The screening of all donated blood, Dr. Mashiah told *The Jerusalem Post*, has saved 60 people undergoing blood transfusions from contracting the disease. Of 160,000 units tested since April 1985, 15 units were found to be infected with the virus. Blood is usually separated into various elements and would have reached four times that many people in transfusions.

The ministry hopes that many more people who fear they have contracted Aids, or who have been in contact with someone who has the disease, will come for voluntary testing. The centres that offer the tests at no charge are Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Beilinson in Petah Tikva, Ichilov in Tel Aviv, Sheba in Tel Hashomer, Kaplan in Rehovot, Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, and Soroka in Beersheba.

Code numbers known only to doctors protect the person's anonymity, but all cases of Aids must, by law, be reported to the authorities. The fear of exposure has induced some private health-testing firms and labs to offer the same blood tests for a steep fee. The

ministry has neither banned this nor encouraged them to do so.

The ministry has not told the Prisons Service what to do, but prisoners are offered voluntary Aids tests. Dr. Mashiah, who is in charge of hospitalization services for the ministry and supervises its Aids services, says he doesn't know what the prisons do if and when they find inmates with the disease or with antibodies.

The kibbutzim have the "perfect right" to require that all foreign volunteers or candidates for membership undergo Aids testing, as "they are a closed society," but again, the ministry has not set any rules.

Even prostitutes and homosexuals, who are in the high-risk category, cannot be forced to cease their sexual contacts if they are found to have the disease or antibodies to the Aids virus. Although an Aids victim who has relations with another person is morally committing murder, Dr. Mashiah says there is no law that can prohibit such contacts. "It's a democracy, and we know of no other Western country that has passed such a law."

HOWEVER, the ministry wants to do all it can within reason, and within budgetary limits, to protect the population. After reports at the recent Washington conference on Aids that an American dentist had contracted Aids, members of that profession have been panicking.

Dr. Mashiah says he heard from Israeli doctors who were at the conference that the dentist's wife refuses to undergo a blood test for Aids, "and there may be a good reason."

There is still no proof that the dentist contracted the disease by treating a patient. But the scare was enough to induce the ministry's dental health department to issue recommendations and directives to Israeli dentists, hygienists and dental assistants to be extra careful when treating someone in the high-risk categories.

"This isn't a belated decision," maintains Mashiah, "as there is no evidence that dental treatment can lead to Aids infection. But we're being careful, and it will work to reduce the number of infectious hepatitis cases transmitted between dentist and patient each year."

Despite dentists in the U.S. for the testing of all pregnant women or all prospective brides for Aids, there is no move yet in that direction here, as the number of reported cases of women with Aids or even with antibodies is "very, very small."

There has not yet even been a suggestion to test all new immigrants for the disease, says Mashiah. The steering committee on Aids is due to meet soon to decide, in light of the Washington conference, whether to press for more stringent measures, but "there seems no sign of drastic decisions in the next session," he says.

ON APRIL 1 this year, the ministry released figures of the incidence of the disease in Israel for the first time. They have barely changed since then, says Mashiah, except for a single additional case.

According to the April figures, there were 41 reported cases of Aids, including 23 homosexuals or bisexuals, one drug addict,

one homosexual drug addict, and 13 who received infected blood transfusions or blood parts (in one case, the means of infection was not clear). Of these, 29 had died.

There was one woman among the total of 41 who had contracted Aids from a blood transfusion two years ago, before all donations were screened.

A total of 186 people were found to have antibodies to Aids. These include 48 homosexuals or bisexuals, 29 drug addicts, four addicts who were homosexuals, five who had blood transfusions, one baby who received antibodies from his mother, four prostitutes who took drugs, and five heterosexuals.

In 70 cases, antibodies were contracted from Factor 8, the imported blood factor used to treat certain patients that since 1984 has undergone heat-treatment to destroy the Aids virus.

In 23 cases, the cause of infection was not clear.

The Health Ministry is considering a publicity campaign on Aids, especially among young people and high-risk groups.

Some doctors and researchers, their hospitals and labs crying out for funding, argue vociferously that too much money has already been spent on Aids in Israel, and that the risk of heart disease or cancer, for example, not to mention traffic accidents, is much greater.

Dr. Mashiah is aware of the criticism that both too little, and too much, has been done. Such criticism, he suggests, means that the ministry's programme is probably just about right.



No sign of drastic decisions

Advice, yes, but no big fist

FRANCE
Michel Zlotowski

"EVERYTHING must be done to prevent the politicians from making a political issue out of Aids," Professor Claude Jasmin told *The Post*. "We've had enough terrible examples of what has happened in our recent past when politics, ethics and pseudo-morals were mixed: Nazism, Lysenkoism, the political use of psychiatric hospitals."

Jasmin, who discovered the first anti-viral substance used in fighting Aids, HPA-23, revealed at the Washington International Conference on Aids that his team had discovered a new detection test.

"France is one of the most active countries in Aids research in virology," with Prof. Luc Montagnier's team at the Pasteur Institute," said Jasmin. "We have proven that the virus of Aids was absorbed by a specialized blood cell, called T helper or T4."

"In the number of declared cases, France and Brazil are right behind the United States," said Jasmin. "But if you look at the ratio of sick people to the total population, the Western country most afflicted is Switzerland."

"The French government has reacted rather quickly. All our blood banks are under strict control."

On a political level, Health Minister Michele Barzach talked the government into declaring Aids a national cause for 1987, not a small achievement given the atmosphere surrounding the disease, created by extreme right-wing Front National leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.

During a one-hour prime time TV programme, Le Pen said that the government was blatantly lying to the population and that Aids was much more widespread than Barzach was acknowledging. "Aids is transmitted by the saliva and sweat of those who carry the disease. All those who have Aids are going to die. All those who are seropositive (those who test positive for antibodies to the Aids virus) are spreading Aids," said Le Pen. His solution was to lock up all seropositive people in specialized health institutions.

A couple of days later, a pamphlet sent to many high schools in France by an anonymous "Lyon Nancy Strasbourg Committee" explained that Barzach feared that someone (the Front National?) would reveal that Aids was spread by the Jewish community.

"The danger," said Prof. Jasmin, "is that many people may use the fear of Aids to promote their own interests: in the Church, some have said that the disease had been sent to punish those who had sinned, and since most of the sick were gay people, the meaning was obvious."

The French government has approved a massive information campaign, with posters to persuade people to donate funds for research, and with TV spots showing a young man firmly stating that he would not spread Aids. The campaign has been conducted in a very centralized manner by a very cost-conscious government.

"IT IS a good start, but it is not enough," said Jasmin. "The disease is spread through contact with blood and sexual fluids. Every possible precaution has been taken concerning blood."

Regarding addicts, they will go on injecting dangerous drugs. So the government decided to authorize the sale of syringes at pharmacies to

prevent the spread of Aids by used needles.

"But in sexual relations, it's up to every single person to take precautions. There is no way of compelling someone to wear a condom. And yet, it is the only known protection."

During a round-table discussion in Washington D.C., one major TV executive said that his network would not carry ads for condoms. "This is not for our public," he said.

"I found this position totally stupid," said Jasmin. "The one and only way to curb Aids is education, not discrimination. This is why a compulsory detection test is ridiculous."

"Take the U.S., for example. How many seropositive would-be immigrants are you going to detect? Maybe 200. But inside the U.S. there are two million seropositive U.S. citizens. In fact, if you really want to stop Aids, you should prevent those people from leaving the U.S. rather than bothering the immigrants."

The French parliament last week passed a law, sponsored by Health Minister Barzach, allowing French citizens to undergo a free, anonymous Aids test. The state and the national social insurance will pay for the tests. "This will help all those who fear that they carry the dis-

AIDS
A worldwide effort will stop it.

ease," said Barzach. "and it will also stop all the talk about the need for a compulsory detection test."

According to Health Ministry figures, a compulsory Aids detection test, to be efficient, would have to be performed on the 34 million French citizens, aged 16 to 60, every 3 months. The cost would be 16 billion French francs. "All this to detect less than 0.5 per cent of that population. It is senseless," said Barzach.

"We have chosen a policy of information and of acting responsibly. Other countries have chosen repression," said Minister Barzach. "Often, these countries have no medical structures to confront the plague."

This policy implies that no one can be compelled to undergo a detection test, neither by the authorities, nor by his employer. But the private insurance companies are looking for a way to introduce such tests.

Claude Malthuret, French minister for human rights, is determined to prevent Aids from being included in the list of diseases whose victims are precluded from being hired by the state, as is the case for cancer.

"For the first time in the history of man," concluded Jasmin, "humanity is compelled to unite for fear of death."

Princess shows the way

THE MOST effective of the British cinema advertisements concerning Aids features the ubiquitous Bob Geldof, typically unshaven, speaking to the camera from a crowded, smoke-filled pub.

Geldof, the pop singer-turned-fund-raiser who organized the "Band Aid" and "Live Aid" famine-relief extravaganzas, is not a man renowned for his tact or refinement of language.

In this ad he is particularly blunt. After explaining how great a proportion of those propping up the bar will eventually succumb to the Aids virus, Geldof whips a condom out of his trouser pocket, and advises us that the best way to avoid contracting the disease is to "stick one of these on your dick."

The ad, which was privately funded, is enough to make anyone think at least twice about the dangers of Aids, but unfortunately it is only being screened in a minority of British cinemas.

The major chains have refused to show it, fearing that the uninhibited language will offend audiences.

BRITAIN

David Horovitz

That attitude seems to exemplify the entire British position on Aids. Although 420 Britons have already died of the disease, and between 30,000 and 50,000 are believed to be infected, the authorities still appear to be giving the problem low priority. The disease is a dangerous one, certainly, but a marginal one, affecting only a tiny proportion of the population.

The government's approach seems to have been to scare people away from an Aids environment, exaggerating the menace of the disease, and consequently further isolating the high-risk groups, such as homosexuals, bisexuals and intravenous drug abusers.

Indeed, the only major government-funded Aids campaign so far went under the slogan, "Aids -

don't die of ignorance," and featured images such as tombstones and funeral wreaths, far more likely to frighten than to inform.

"THERE IS widespread dissatisfaction with the government's approach to Aids," a spokesman for the Terrence Higgins Trust told *The Jerusalem Post* this week. (The trust, the main British support group for Aids patients, was named after one of the country's first Aids victims, a 37-year-old homosexual who died in July 1982.)

"Of course, nothing is ever going to be good enough, but images such as gravestones and flowers simply produced a frightened group of 'worried well,'" he added. "Spending millions on a public-awareness campaign does nothing to help those already suffering from the disease. That's where funds should be directed, and into research."

The government would argue that, while public education was its first priority, there are three other elements in its strategy for combating Aids.

The first concerns public-health

British Cases to April 30, 1987

	Males	Females	Total	Deaths
Homo/Bisexuals	652	0	652	355
Intravenous drug abusers (IVDA)	10	2	12	6
Homosexuals and IVDA	8	0	8	4
Hemophiliacs	31	0	31	23
Recipients of blood	8	6	14	11
Heterosexuals	14	11	25	15
Children of HIV positive mothers	3	4	7	4
Others	0	1	1	1
	726	24	750	420

measures, such as the warning issued to all blood donors, advising high-risk groups against giving blood. Since 1985, furthermore, all blood donations have been tested for Aids antibodies.

Stephen Bird, of the Department of Health, told *The Post* that the second element in the strategy, research, has benefited from millions of pounds of government money. Over 20 research projects are currently approved for support, in a programme aimed at finding an Aids vaccine and anti-viral drugs to treat those already infected.

The final part of the package concerns services to Aids sufferers, including government funding for courses to train professional counsellors; extra allocations for health authorities; £7 million for three London hospitals specializing in Aids (Continued on page 8)

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Demography versus 'bridge-building'

IN 1982, the Holy Land Arab Housing Society, a Roman Catholic organization, purchased five dunams of land in Beit Hanina to build 24 apartments.

Five years later the organization still is waiting for the Minister of Interior to approve building plans. Meanwhile, the project has been through the local and district planning commissions twice.

Eight families buying homes in the project have been forced to back out of the deal. And investors have spent roughly \$500,000 including the purchase of three more dunams of land — as yet with no return.

Dozens of other Arab investors trying to develop housing in north Jerusalem have met with even less success — their projects have not yet even been considered by the local or district planning commissions.

At stake in the development snarl is the future of north Jerusalem's Beit Hanina and Shuafat neighbourhoods — which contain the city's largest reservoir of vacant land suitable for Arab residential development. For Jerusalem's Arabs, the area has become the focus of demands for equal treatment by a government that over the last 20 years has built some 27,000 new apartments in Jerusalem's new Jewish neighbourhoods across the 1967 borders — while allowing only one large-scale Arab development of about 200 units.

"They don't want to spend the money on the Arabs. But they have it for Givat Ze'ev and Neveh Ya'acov — it's a double standard," said Othman Halaq, an investor in one Beit Hanina housing project for 100 units on a 25-dunam plot, which hasn't even received a hearing by the local planning commission in the two years since it was submitted.

"It's stupid of the Israelis," Halaq added. "In order to try to build some bridges of trust and confidence between the two peoples, you have to show the Palestinians they have a share in the cake."

"As long as the Palestinian feels that he's left out, just like the American blacks in the 1940s, there will be strife and struggle and terror and turmoil."

BUT Housing and Interior Ministry officials who have held up the development have been more worried about tipping Jerusalem's demographic balance than about "bridge building." They fear that thousands of new Arab apartment units could increase the percentage of Jerusalem's Arab residents, from the current 28 per cent, or about 132,000 people out of 470,000.

Meanwhile, sources say the Interior Ministry may continue to delay the north Jerusalem projects even as the city prepares to submit a revised development scheme for the area to the ministry's District Planning Commission. The revisions come three years after the city's initial development plan was unveiled to the public amid great fanfare.

The revised plans are due to be

submitted to the district commission within several weeks according to Deputy Mayor Avraham Kehila. They result from months of city negotiations with the Housing Minister in which the housing goals for the 10,000-dunam area were scaled down from an original 15,000 to 10,000 housing units.

Shmaryahu Cohen, the Housing Minister's Jerusalem District director, told *The Post* last week that the ministry has now officially agreed to go along with the city's revised plan. But other sources say the Interior Minister still is pushing to reduce the number of units further from 10,000 to 6,000. Interior Ministry officials refuse to comment on the number of units they're willing to see developed.

But one senior municipal official said glumly this week, "It's not the end of the story. I don't know what the Interior Ministry officials and the ministry's District Planning Commission will say — or whether the minister of interior will sign the plans."

ZEEV BARAN, an architect who was involved in drawing up the city's original development plans, has hotly criticized the delays, in articles in the East Jerusalem Arabic press.

Baran notes that the city itself encouraged Arab investors to come forward with development projects after the north Jerusalem plans first were unveiled three years ago.

He also challenges the notion that restricting home construction will somehow limit the growth of Jerusalem's Arab population. East Jerusalem residents who can't find housing in the city generally still retain their Jerusalem residency with a paper address — along with all the rights and privileges, he argues.

Likewise, Baran says that freezing Arab construction doesn't really decrease Jerusalem's Arab population — but only increases overcrowding and Arab migration to new Jewish neighbourhoods like Neveh Ya'acov where housing prices are far cheaper.

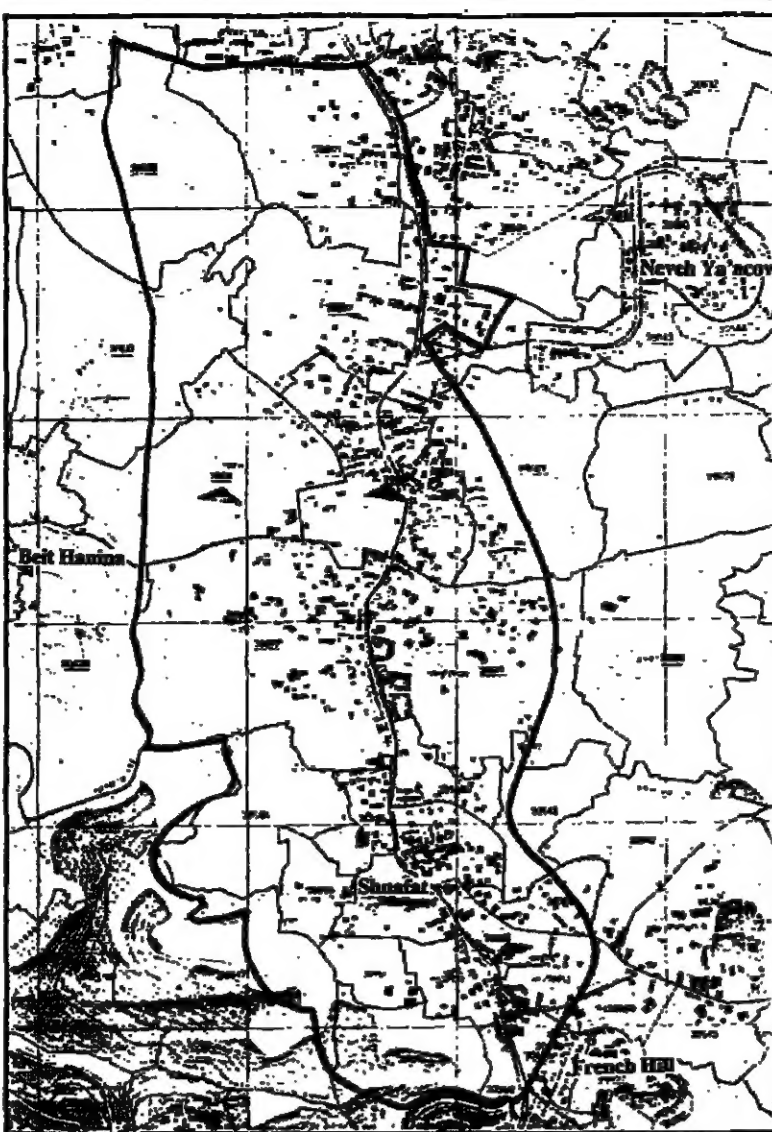
"So two people will live in an apartment instead of one. It doesn't influence the demography," Baran said.

Meanwhile, Arab developers privately point out that the absence of up-to-date development plans for the Arab sector — the last plans for north Jerusalem were prepared in the mandatory period — helped create the fertile ground for the Rafi Levy scandal. Levy, Jerusalem's Interior Ministry district representative, is standing trial on charges of taking bribes for helping Arabs obtain building permits, among other favours.

"When you don't give people building licences, you close them in, and they want a way out," said one prominent East Jerusalemite.

"They try to bribe. They try to get around the law. They want to build and to live. It's like the U.S. during Prohibition — everyone was making alcohol in his bathtub. You have to be reasonable and rational when you

For Jerusalem's Arabs, the northern area of the city has become the focus of demands for equal treatment by the government. A city-initiated development plan for the Beit Hanina and Shuafat areas has been delayed for over three years — and there's no telling when it will be approved. Elaine Ruth Fletcher reports.



The scope of the long-delayed north Jerusalem development.

make restrictions on building and housing. Otherwise people will try to find loopholes and ways to get around it."

THE PRESSURE to circumvent the law is intense because of the desperate need for housing in Jerusalem's Arab sector. Statistics published in the Jerusalem Institute's annual yearbook show that half of Jerusalem's Arab households have more than two people per room, as compared with only 6 per cent of the Jewish households.

The average household in Shuafat and Beit Hanina has between 5.7 and 7.4 residents as compared with 3.5 to 4 residents in nearby Neveh Ya'acov.

Joseph Khoury, an engineer and the chairman of the Holy Land Arab Housing Society, estimates in a recent study that an additional 122,000 housing units will be needed in the Jerusalem metropolitan area by the year 2005 just to accommodate Arab population growth and reduce the average number of people per household by 10 per cent.

The demand for housing is reflected in East Jerusalem apartment prices and rents. Khoury, a noted architect, underlines.

"You can't find a decent three room apartment for less than \$400 a month. And a villa could rent for \$2,000 to \$3,000 a month," Khoury said.

As a result of the crunch, many Jerusalem families have moved to Ramallah, or to sprawling, unplanned neighbourhoods between the two cities like al-Ram and Dahiyat al-Bareed. "Over there, they're left without services, with no communications, no decent road," he said.

Figures published by the Jerusalem Institute also show a disparate allocation of public resources for commercial construction, and development of infrastructure and community services in the Jewish and Arab sectors. Some 90 per cent of the public development resources have been invested in the Jewish sector since 1967, according to one estimate in a 1984 Jerusalem Institute study.

THE RECENT announcement by Al-Fajr editor Hanna Siniora that he intends to run for the Jerusalem City Council reflects the growing Arab focus on such bread-and-butter issues of discrimination, Baran argues.

"One of the principal reasons for the move," Baran contends, "is the feeling among the Arabs that they are not getting their fair share from the municipality. They pay taxes. But they don't receive a proportionate share of the budget pie as one third of Jerusalem's population."

"United" Jerusalem at its 20th anniversary is not one city but two — and Arabs know that all too well, he says.

The history of the north Jerusalem development dispute stretches back to 1983 when the city commissioned four architectural firms to draw up detailed development plans for the Beit Hanina and Shuafat neighbourhoods, at a cost of about \$1 million.

In May, 1984, completed plans were presented to the public and to Arab investors at a city council meeting. In late March, 1985, the plans received preliminary approval by the Local Planning Commission.

Then the delays began. Interior Ministry officials still have not brought the overall north Jerusalem plans before the District Planning Commission for even a hearing.

Nevertheless, individual Arab investors began to work their building projects through the bureaucracy in anticipation that the overall development plan ultimately would be approved.

A DEVELOPMENT scheme by the Greek Orthodox community's housing society was one of the first to pass all of the necessary committees — and thus became the focus of the growing dispute between the city and the Interior and Housing Ministries over the development plans.

The Greek Orthodox community's housing plans for several dozen housing units in Beit Hanina were approved by the District Planning Commission in January, 1986, and then went to the Interior Minister for approval.

At that time, Housing Ministry and Interior Ministry officials suddenly expressed concerns that the Greek Orthodox development could create a "precedent" in north Jerusalem that other Arab builders would want to follow.

A record of the ministries' concerns and subsequent action is included in testimony taken early this year during the Rafi Levy trial. "The [Greek Orthodox] plan...in effect created a precedent that would turn all of the area into a residential one, a thing that was not acceptable to us," said Shmaryahu Cohen, testifying in February at the trial.

There was, in effect, the issue of the general demographic policy of north Jerusalem... we're talking here about the proportion of Arabs and of Jews in Jerusalem," added Yonatan Golani, director of the Interior Ministry's Planning Division in court testimony.

"Approval of a specific project for north Jerusalem could only constitute an entry way for other plans that



Rafi Levy, Jerusalem's Interior Ministry district representative, allegedly took bribes for helping Arabs obtain building permits. Arab developers are convinced the Levy scandal has merely offered Interior Ministry officials another pretext to delay a development they did not want in the first place.

would arrive and could tip the scales. That is to say in the demographic programme of the area," said Golani.

In late September, then interior minister Yitzhak Peretz finally approved the Greek Orthodox community's housing plans. But his approval was conditioned on a city pledge that the entire issue of north Jerusalem's Arab-sector development would be reviewed again with the Interior and Housing Ministries.

"Meanwhile, no approvals would be given for other projects in the pipeline," Golani is quoted as saying in court testimony.

Then, in November, 1986, Levy was arrested on bribery and corruption charges.

One of the men arrested on suspicion of bribing Levy was Jalil Mashahar, developer of the Greek Orthodox community housing project. The arrest stopped Mashahar's development dead in its tracks — despite Peretz's approval — and sparked a police confiscation of the Greek Orthodox community's housing plans, plus the district planning commission's files on the broader north Jerusalem development plan.

Police say the entire north Jerusalem plan was confiscated because they suspected Levy of "transferring" the plans to unauthorized parties.

Now, Interior Ministry district officials say the ongoing Levy trial is holding up further consideration of the north Jerusalem development plans.

"I don't think it's appropriate for the District Planning Commission to discuss the plan when it is at the police," Levy's replacement, Eli

Suissa, told *The Post* recently. "The subject is sub judice — the police took the files," added District Commission Planner Moshe Cohen.

But Suissa's and Cohen's statements are contradicted by the police themselves, who say there's nothing to prevent the Planning Commission or the Interior Ministry from reviewing or acting on the plan right now. "Our investigation doesn't have to stop any authorized party from acting on the plan," said police spokesman Yehoshua Goldappel. "There is no instruction of that sort to the city or anyone else."

Halaq and other Arab developers have long been convinced that the Levy scandal merely offered Interior Ministry officials another reason to delay a development they didn't want in the first place.

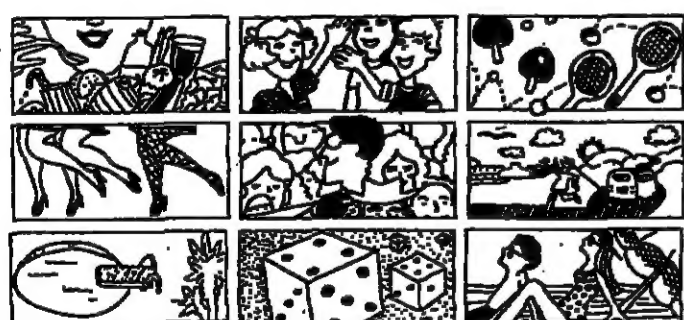
"Now they're saying that because of Rafi Levy they're stopping the plans. But it's not true. They stopped it before anything was going on," said Halaq.

As the city prepares to submit its revised plans to the District Planning Commission, the Arab community undoubtedly will be watching to see if the commission will finally agree to put the issue on its agenda — after a two-year delay.

Adds Baran, "What all the political parties don't understand is that they're doing a disservice to the city of Jerusalem by holding up the plan."

"In the end, not only the Arab population but the Jewish population will suffer. There will be more illegal building, more conflicts over mixed Arab-Jewish neighbourhoods, more slums — a city that is not planned goes to the dogs."

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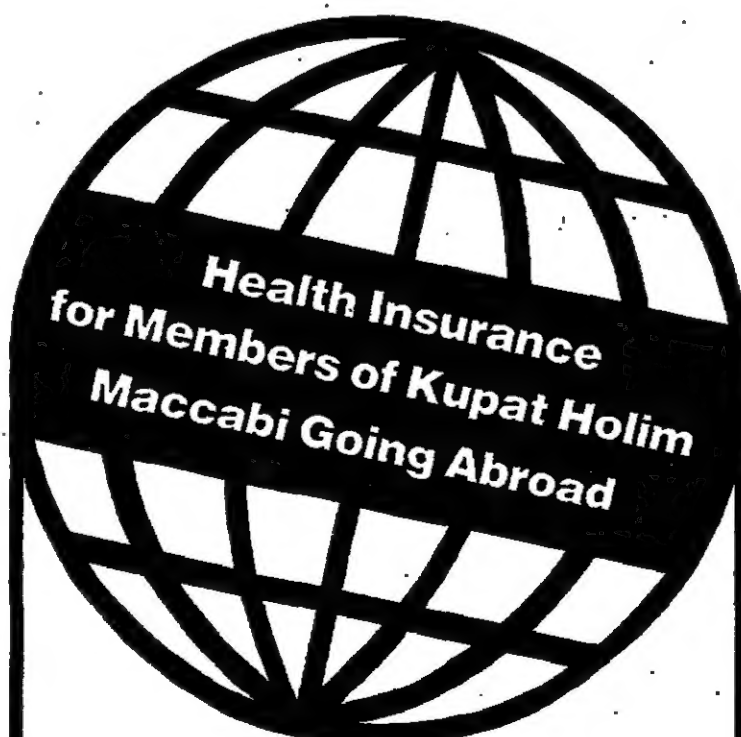
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Burg's clean bill of health

THE FINDINGS of the Knesset panel which pinned "preponderant responsibility" for the Pollard affair's fall-out on Shimon Peres were unfairly weighted "the concept of first among equals is high-sounding but meaningless," according to panel member Yosef Burg.

The panel of politicians was not a court; unlike a judicial commission, it lacked the skills and advantages of cross-examination under oath in probing the "so-called witnesses," of whom he wrote to panel chairman Abba Eban that "never did so many people remember a little."

And, most important for the doyen of the National Religious Party, much of the testimony — since it was given by interested parties and could neither be corroborated nor refuted — "and the in matters of vital import to the Jewish people," as he wrote to Eban — was invalid by halachic criteria.

Even by Israeli standards, which "hold it axiomatic that the government is the only vessel that leaks from the top," the leaks from his committee were almost all from one side, and maliciously intended to throw the major share of the blame for the fall-out on Peres and blacken him as a liar, Burg says today.

The committee members, he notes, had certain clear political motives. But he praises Eban's dedication in helping to the committee's official purpose.

Nevertheless, Burg appears somewhat peeved that Eban sold him down the line in failing to make mention in the published report of reservations he had expressed strongly in answering the questionnaire Eban sent to all panel members.

Citing an interview in last week's *Jerusalem Post*, Burg indicated that it was the Likud's "canny, crafty" Ehud Olmert, who was apparently only too happy to take advantage of Burg's absence.

Olmert, it is widely believed, successfully proposed to the panel that, "since Burg had seen fit to leave his colleagues to deliberate alone, they, in turn, should ignore any input they might receive from him.

To underline his distaste, Burg produces a clipping from the Hebrew press which lists notorious examples of American politicians who made their careers on the backs of the victims of various Congressional

probes. With those examples before them, I don't find it in the least surprising that a similar temptation existed in this committee," he notes.

The veteran parliamentarian says he is hurt by the "very unfair" accusations of desertion at a crucial phase. It is "a matter of honour" for him, he insists, to set the record straight.

"Those who say that had I been there, I could perhaps have influenced the wording of the report in one way or another are hypocrites: the committee consisted of people with vested interests in the outcome, and they weren't going to accept my view."

"They also said that I was trying to get out of expressing my opinions. But I did express them in letters and telephone calls with Eban, and very forcefully at that."

He produces his letter to Eban of April 30 on the eve of his departure to a World Jewish Congress meeting in Budapest and a party mission to South America. That was after the completion of the probe, but prior to the final consultations on the report. The letter states that he would be ready to return should Eban find it necessary.

"But Eban never asked me to come back!" he says.

Burg — an "orphan" among the Likud and Labour blocs on the committee, "not tied to either and free to think and say what I want" — believes it was obvious from the beginning that the two groups would not see eye to eye on the report's final emphases.

"They were no simple vegetarians, they wanted meat!"

"Since Peres was the prime minister when the affair broke, and since the Likud sometimes forget that they are members of this government — they still have the psychological backlog of almost 30 years in opposition — the Alignment were on the defensive, and the Likud on the offensive. And this was what I feared would happen."

WHY, THEN, did he agree to take part?
 "Fear alone isn't enough reason not to be involved. And besides, I was interested to know what had really happened, and perhaps to have my say.
 "And if you now ask me, as you will, where was Burg when he had to

Yosef Burg firmly rejects the charges that he evaded his responsibilities by leaving the country before the Knesset probe into the Pollard affair completed its consultations. Dvorah Getzler reports.



He certainly still is, and vigorously so, when he addresses the question of leaks from the committee. "They were far from being leaks whose purpose was to inform the public and help them participate in the democratic process."

"Olmert told *The Post* last Friday, that there were two men who leaked

all the time, and, like the true, democrat that he is, he says there was one from the Likud and one from the Alignment.

"I am not ready to accept that parity.

"Some leaks were perhaps meant to discredit Eban, perhaps to bring him into conflict with his own party colleagues.

"But, the main thrust, from the

very outset, though I can't prove it, was a build-up of insinuations clearly directed at blackening Shimon Peres, demolishing his credibility, and making him appear more responsible than others. It was a political move that I objected to strenuously throughout.

"What I wanted to do was to get down to the heart of the matter, which I saw as total negligence on

two levels: the failure of the lower echelon to report upwards, and the parallel failure of the top to exercise control downwards."

In that, all the governments involved were equally to blame, he wrote in reply to Eban's questionnaire which reached him in Buenos Aires on May 13, and to which he replied six days later.

On May 24, and after a phone conversation with Eban in which the committee chairman had indicated that the panel was mired down on two questions, one of which related to whether the weight of responsibility should be attached more to one person than another, Burg cabled again, reiterating that all were equally to blame for the negligence with which the Scientific Liaison Unit that had run Pollard had been allowed to operate.

In the telephone conversation, Eban also told Burg that there was discussion as to whether Peres, speaking to George Sultz at 4 a.m., following Pollard's arrest, might not have acted rashly in according to the U.S. secretary of State's demands for the return of the documents stolen by Pollard.

"I answered that nobody, whether at four in the morning or four in the afternoon, could have acted otherwise."

"And indeed, I am not ready to accept the formula of first among equals that Olmert apparently foisted on the committee. The term sounds impressive, but it means nothing in the Israeli reality. It has no juridical force. To me it seems no more than a *shioch* [a dirty dig]."

READING SEVERAL of his replies aloud, and patently and confessedly savouring his round style, he emphasizes that he specifically asked Eban to include certain preliminary comments in the report, in any way that Eban saw fit — even as an *obiter dictum*. Those remarks related largely to the questionable nature of the testimonies given to the panel and the unfortunate boomerang effect they had had in helping those who wished to discredit the committee's work.

On May 26, Burg says that he made a final attempt to have his say: he again cabled Eban asking that the vote perhaps be postponed until June 2, when he planned to return. He also asked that his vote be given

expression in the report, if only as a minority opinion.

"That didn't happen!" he says.

Burg is a past master at interview with the press and knows how to maintain interest and suspense. It is at this point that he produces the letter that Eban wrote him last Friday in response to his protest at the cavalier treatment meted out to him.

On Burg's comment on the negligence shown by all governments, Eban states that that was the leitmotif of the entire report, and in that sense Burg had been within the consensus.

On Peres's role after the affair broke, Burg was at one with Eban. Simha Dinitz and Micha Harish (the Alignment members), as opposed to Likud members Olmert, Elyahu Ben-Elissar and David Magen, Eban writes.

The salient point in the letter is point No. 3, in which Eban says: "One you go home, you expressed the view that one should not apportion preponderant responsibility to the prime minister [i.e. Peres, as premier at the time of the affair] regarding decisions taken after Pollard's exposure. All six members of the sub-committee who took part in the final drafting did, however, apportion such preponderant responsibility. Your position does not alter any conclusion in this matter. I have to point out that the addition suggested by MKs Dinitz and Harish did not affect the finding regarding preponderant responsibility."

Burg may perhaps take consolation in noting that Harish and Dinitz, present throughout the drafting sessions, were also steamrollered into accepting the Olmert formula. He says that he is "more or less" satisfied with Eban's letter, a document that he regards as tantamount to a clean bill of health against charges of desertion and evading responsibility by keeping silent.

He does add, however, that perhaps Eban was right in not calling him back.

"I would have had to think at least three times, if not seven times, had there been a three-to-three split along party lines, as to which side to join. As an old parliamentarian I would probably have offered my own formula and voted for it. But Eban's letter makes it clear that I don't accept the *primus inter pares* doctrine."

The Young Israel movement

Modern religion

Haim Shapiro

WHEN YOUNG ISRAEL wanted to set up a community in Mevasseret Zion, near Jerusalem, they went to the head of the local council and told him of their programme.

After hearing them out, he shook his head.

"Sorry, we don't want any Reform here," he said.

Those familiar with Young Israel, the Orthodox religious movement, founded over 75 years ago in the United States, realize that it is a cry from Reform. But for others, its programme of closely-knit communities, which function under the guidance of a synagogue rabbi, and its view that the synagogue should be far more than a place to come to for prayers, might well be regarded as revolutionary.

Young Israel began its activities in this country some 15 years ago, following the large wave of aliyah from the West, according to Rabbi Moshe Rose, the movement's director in Israel. The new immigrants felt the lack of the type of synagogue they were used to; they were appalled by the gap between religious and secular; and they wanted to set up the type of synagogue that could attract all Israelis.

Today, the movement has 51 branches, with 5,000 members. Most of them were born in Israel, although the English-speaking members continue to play an important part.

As a movement, Rose said, it is apolitical and tries to avoid extremism of any kind. Outside observers, however, have noted a close link between Young Israel and Gush Emunim.

Rabbi Haim Luban, the chairman of the local Young Israel Council of Rabbis, said that there was no formal connection between the movement and the organization dedicated to pushing for settlement in Israel's occupied areas.

Luban personally supported Gush Emunim, he said, and the movement was proud that there were at least 15 of its groups in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip.

"We feel that Jews have a right to live anywhere in Eretz Yisrael," he said.

THE CHAIRMAN of the council's executive, Rabbi Zalman Schaffman, noted that while still serving as a rabbi in the U.S. he had worked to garner support for Rabbi Moshe Levinger, but stressed that he had done this in conjunction with the Israel government and the IDF.

In the U.S., Schaffman was president of the Synagogue Council of America, a body that represents vir-

tually the entire spectrum of Jewish religious organizations, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. However, he believes that in Israel, the non-Orthodox movements should not be officially recognized.

While he is willing to work with individuals from other religious movements, he feels that there can never be any compromise on the issue of conversion.

"For us, *giyur* (conversion) according to Halacha isn't just *brima* (circumcision) and *mikva* (ritual immersion), it is the acceptance of Halacha itself, and with Conservative and Reform rabbis, that just isn't true."

But though Young Israel is "strictly committed to Orthodoxy," it believes that Orthodoxy must exist in the modern world, together with, and not in opposition to, science and culture.

It is also concerned that its synagogues should be places where non-religious Jews can come and feel at home. At many synagogues, there are men who come to morning services and pray without a *tallis* or *sefilin*.

Important in the movement's outlook is the place of the rabbi in the community, even though, as Rose noted, few congregations in Israel can afford to hire a full-time rabbi. But he is expected to show leadership.

"There should be a sermon," Luban said. "You don't have to always agree with everything the rabbi says, but silence is worse." Moreover, the rabbi should be willing to take a stand on current ethical problems, such as the bank scandal or the Pollard affair.

Understandably, however, Young Israel's greatest emphasis is on youth. Many of the synagogues have sports programmes and many of the participants in its youth programmes are not necessarily religious.

One community, in Petah Tikva, has a professional youth director, with activities such as ceramics and karate, as well as Jewish studies, in its programme.

Another full range of activities for youth, organized by local residents, is provided in a synagogue in the Katamonim section of Jerusalem.

This, Rose said, started as an act of desperation, when some of the young people simply took over an air-raid shelter. Now, there is a director, who grew up in the neighbourhood, and an entire range of family projects.

The worst, Rose said, "is when you see a synagogue full of empty rooms and the kids are all out on the streets."

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The two kinds of Zionists

Zalman Abramov suggests how to deal with Israel-Diaspora tensions in the Jewish Agency. He argues that there is an ideological fiction separating Zionists from non-Zionists and that a radical re-thinking of accepted views is necessary.

THE LAST MEETING of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency revealed some of the pent-up tensions between its two constituent components. The Zionists and the non-Zionists. Unless defused, these tensions may lead to a rift in the central structure of the Israel-Diaspora partnership.

The non-Zionists maintain that the Israeli political parties' domination of the Jewish Agency is detrimental to Israel-Diaspora co-operation. The Zionists, on the other hand, fear that the non-Zionists intend to run the Jewish Agency as a philanthropy under their control. This controversy contains the ingredients for a rift, and a bold and statesman-like initiative is therefore required to avoid a breach in Jewish unity.

From its establishment in 1897, the World Zionist Organization, and later the Jewish Agency, was the Jewish state in embryo whose purpose was to bring about a state in being. Its structure was political, as befits a movement committed to the attainment of a political objective. It was a democratic movement, and political parties were the instruments of the democratic process.

The Zionists then were a minority in the Jewish people, and they engaged the majority in an ideological controversy. This controversy was resolved by the establishment of the State of Israel, and what previously was a bone of contention became a unifying factor that galvanized the energies of the Jewish people and became a

focus of Jewish identification and solidarity.

The victory of Zionism in 1948 was also the root cause of the crisis it has faced since. The functions that the various Zionist organizations in the Diaspora had performed hitherto, such as fund raising, public relations and political support, were taken over by the communities, while the exercise of sovereign power by the State of Israel deprived them of many of their former tasks.

The ideological lines of demarcation between Zionist and non-Zionist were so blurred as to become quite indistinguishable. Both are committed to the well-being of Israel; both support the Jerusalem Programme; both regard the Diaspora as their permanent abode; and neither regards aliyah as a Jewish imperative. Yet in spite of the revolutionary change that occurred in 1948, the structure of the Jewish Agency has remained static, i.e., based on a fiction

that an ideological gap separates Zionists and non-Zionists.

AS IN THE pre-state period, the Agency is run by a coalition of Israeli political parties. Each of its departments is headed by a party leader, assisted by a bureaucracy recruited from his party, the number of departments corresponding to the growing number of political parties.

This set-up leads neither to harmony nor to efficiency. It is a constant irritant to the non-Zionist and lowers the prestige of the Agency in the eyes of the Israeli. All the moves initiated by the chairman of the Agency Executive, Arye Dultzin, to limit the role of the political parties have been frustrated by the determined resistance of party interests.

There being no substantive ideological difference between Zionists and non-Zionists, there can be no justification for basing the structure of the Agency on two fictitious components, the Zionist and the

non-Zionist. The new reality calls for affiliated Zionists and non-affiliated Zionists, (otherwise known as non-Zionists), to merge into a world-wide framework based on two organic components, the Diaspora and Israel, thus truly reflecting the post-1948 reality.

SUCH A LARGE structure cannot be based on individual membership; rather, it should function as a federation of Jewish organizations, communal, national and international, and include an Israeli representation. The supreme organ of the new entity should be a congress, consisting of two equal delegations. One should represent the Diaspora countries, principally on the basis of their numerical strengths. The other should be an Israeli delegation, containing representatives of political parties, but predominantly, representatives of economic, social and cultural institutions, thus reflecting the wide range of Israeli interests.

The congress would elect an executive, headed by an Israeli, and consisting of an equal number of Israeli and Diaspora representatives. The executive would determine policy and supervise its implementation, while the administration would consist of persons appointed on the basis of their qualifications.

If such a reform is implemented, the ideological fiction separating Zionists and non-Zionists, the domination of Israeli political parties will be eliminated, and the new structure will rest on two pillars, Israel and the Diaspora.

But some will argue that as a result of the new dispensation, classical Zionism will be jettisoned. The answer is that by and large, it has been jettisoned under the present system.

There are, however, small groups which adhere to the view that a Jewish culture and way of life cannot be fully developed within the framework of a minority community, and that aliyah is the answer for those who seek to develop their Jewish potential within a sovereign Jewish society.

By challenging the assumption of the majority, they will engage the community in a fruitful and enriching debate of the sort that the Jewish people have missed since 1948. Once this reform is effective, a clear line of demarcation will be drawn between aliyah Zionists and other Zionists. This may contribute to a revival of radical thinking that is so lacking in contemporary Jewish public life.

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Part of an Australian poster which says that "prevention is the only cure we've got."

Princess Di shows the way

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treatment; and also money for groups such as the Tugend Higgins Trust and the Lighthouse Project.

Bird admitted that there was "something of a lull at the moment" in government activity on the AIDS front. But he put this down to the recent ministerial reshuffle at the Department of Health. He promised that a new advertising campaign would shortly be launched, directed this time at the high-risk groups.

He also promised that a pilot scheme, similar to that launched in Amsterdam, under which drug addicts can get clean needles, would soon be expanded. Mandatory testing, however, was not planned, nor were there any proposals for testing immigrants for the disease. "Public education remains the key," he insisted.

IF THIS is the case, Britain's tabloid newspapers are hardly helping.

Until fairly recently, AIDS was commonly described as "the gay plague" and employers were constantly "shocked and worried" to find that their colleagues were sufferers. Early victims were hounded almost to their graves by journalists from the more scurrilous newspapers, whose stories spread fear and a considerable amount of misinformation.

In this climate, it is not surprising that employers are wary of engaging homosexuals, that sufferers are isolated from their colleagues, and that underlings have been known to deliver corpses to grieving parents inside sealed coffins, the bodies untended, still in the plastic bags in which they lay hospital.

One mother of an early British AIDS victim said that her son was "treated all the time like a carrier of the Black Death."

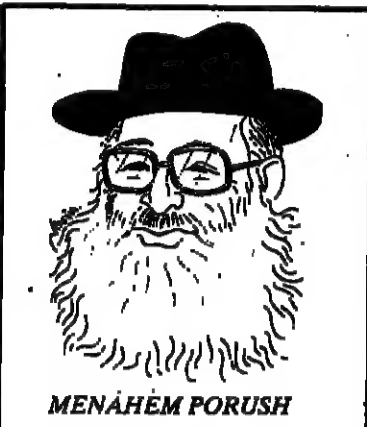
The situation has improved a little in the past couple of years. Certainly, family doctors have become more aware of the AIDS symptoms, and are increasingly likely to detect the infection early. Also, British pharmaceutical companies such as Burroughs Wellcome are in the forefront of AIDS research, leading the quest for an effective vaccine.

And even the tabloid press has been unusually quiet about AIDS. Perhaps they are still reeling from the shock of seeing their favorite cover girl, Princess Di, shaking hands - and unglazed hands at that - with AIDS sufferers on a recent hospital tour.

In a country that still has to come to terms with AIDS on any meaningful level, that gesture from the Princess of Wales has done more to puncture the myths about AIDS than any amount of government advertising.

Out in Africa

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DAVID KIMCHE

PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Shamir's African mission has been quite a success, and it's hoped his enjoyment wasn't marred by a sense of being haunted by Israeli political spectres popping up under the African sun. We're sure Togo President Gasssembé Eyadema's welcoming choir wasn't thinking of Herut's deputy chairman David Levy when chanting "David King of Israel." We're also sure the Togo leader's call for an international peace conference wasn't orchestrated by Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Shamir acted wisely in taking along heads of big public firms and private businessmen with long-standing African connections like Solel Boneh general manager Elmad Shilo, plus what the PM's aides term "the business commandos" comprising Charley Rosenbaum of Geneva, son of the late Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum, Jerusalemite Yousa Mordechai and Leon Tamman of Brighton and Herzliya. The latter is now on a par in his drawdown one-upmanship with fellow Sephardi leader, brother-in-law Nessim Goss, who was invited by ex-premier Menachem Begin to the Oslo Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in 1978.

Credit for rejoining our African links goes to our foreign ministry experts, and especially to ex-director-general David Kimche, who spoke (on Army radio) of African expectations of Israel's Washington connections. That fits in with a Liberman request to Shamir's media counselor Avi Pazner to advise them on how to improve their image in the U.S.

Among the medical equipment Shamir is presenting to his hosts are resuscitation devices. Perhaps he'll keep one in reserve for our own government.

Prior to leaving, Shamir met two foreign guests: Jamaica's new non-resident ambassador, Patricia Durrant, who told him: "Israel is a country that makes small beautiful," and British-born UN Undersecretary-General Marrack Gosselin to whom he restated his anti-international confab stand, saying: "We don't have a dispute with Britain, so why should we talk about peace with them?" Adding: "I'd be really interested in talking to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on how she won her third election in a row." Wonder whether he read her recent interview in *The Jewish Chronicle*, where she said: "The two

men I most respect in the Middle East are King Hussein and Mr. Peres."

INCIDENTALLY, Ramat Gan Mayor Uri Amit, who hosted her during her visit here, cabled Thatcher after her electoral win: "Best wishes from your non-voting Israeli fans. Ramat Gan was with you all the way. Why not spend your well-earned holiday with us?" He's awaiting her reply.

Peres will be seeing Thatcher in London on his European visit next week, as well as President François Mitterrand and Premier Jacques Chirac in Paris and Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn. Meanwhile this week's been like old times as he's also been acting premier and defence minister - the latter in Yitzhak Rabin's absence at the Paris air show. He seems more relaxed now, after his recent bout of nerves raised the cry: Will Shimon please start smoking again!

PERES popped out of the weekly cabinet meeting to see Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Joerges Holst, who presented him with a gift, saying: "This is to help you cut the peace process's Gordian knot." Unwrapped, it turned out to be a hunter's knife, with Peres causing guffaws all round by asking: "Should I use it here?" When Holst asked: "Would you recognize the PLO if it changed its position?" Peres replied: "When a tiger becomes a cat we'll talk again."

SOME SEE the *shmita* wheat affair as a \$9.5 million storm in a straw, while others like Energy Minister Moshe Shalev see it as political grist to Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's mill. Labour MK Rabbi Menachem Hachohen refers to "secular and religious politicians grinding to pieces the *shmita* mitzva's ethical concept." Sharon denies any such intention, noting the kibbutz-owned bakeries' haste to abide by the *haradi* ban on local wheat in the *shmita* year.

At least Agudat Israel MK Rabbi Menahem Porush was honest enough to say: "There wouldn't have been any problem if you Zionists had set up a state in Uganda as Herzl urged." While Porush refused to say whether he recognizes the Chief Rabbinate's authority, at least Sharon couldn't dodge the issue, even though it took the NRP's Minister Yosef Shapiro's ultimatum

for him to call on Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliyahu.

President Chaim Herzog set the lead once more by pointing out - in Shlomi - that "in the State of Israel the final arbiter of Halacha is the Chief Rabbinate. Any undermining of its authority could provide a dangerous precedent affecting other institutions."

WHEN OUR hard-working president was warmly welcomed this week at Tamra, the largest Arab village in Galilee, he also heard a long list of complaints from local leaders, prompting him to note: "I hope you appreciate that this is the only Middle Eastern country where a local council leader can publicly air such complaints to the head of state." Before leaving, he invited the

local school's senior class to visit him at Beit Hanassi.

THERE'S talk of another international peace conference in Switzerland - this time of World Agudat Yisrael, to try to halt the Israeli party's decline, because of the continuing rift between the harsidic wing led by Gerrer Rabbi Simha Bunim Alter and Rabbi Eliezer Menachem Schach's mitnagdim wing, who swung two mandates to Shas in the 1984 elections.

EX-AMBASSADOR to the U.S., MK Simha Dinitz strongly takes issue with Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee Chairman Abba Eban's *New York Times* interview about "settlements being unnecessary to Israeli security," saying: "A great diplomat like Eban

must understand that no one will be willing to negotiate for something you're ready to give away anyway."

LABOUR and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav has returned well pleased from the International Labour Organization conference in Geneva, where for once there was no vote of censure of Israel on labour affairs in the territories. The Iranians were unusually amiable to him on learning he was Iranian-born and even the Chinese showed signs of friendship.

PUBLISHER Ohad Zmora launched his new series of original Hebrew prose - and incidentally the Hebrew Book Week - at a party at his Sayvon home, featuring authors Shimon Blass, Renana Miran, David Schutz and Hadara Leshar - she came with husband, Amcor owner and poet Uri Bernstein. The place was overflowing with writers, critics and publishers plus the host's political pals - Shimon Peres and Gad Ya'acobi. Zmora and partner Asher Bitan told me their company - plus their acquisition Dvir - is printing one million books this year. Israelis are indeed book-lovers, as Zmora told me: "There's a new title out every 40 hours."

FRIENDS CELEBRATED the silver wedding of WZO Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dultzin and his wife Annette at their Tel Aviv home, including Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, Simha and Vivienne Dinitz, WZO executive members Raya Jaglom and Haim Aharon, British ambassador William Squire, Sam and Sallie Lewis, Yitzhak Berman, Yossi and Batya Frost and Jean and Suzy David - whose latest book on summer cooking just came out.

Bidding farewell to El Salvador Vice President Rodolfo Castillo Chalmout, who's facing new elections soon, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar reassured him: "Being No. 2 is not eternal. I served for years under Yehoshua Messel, and you see - I finally made it."

I'M TOLD there are three candidates to succeed Jerrold (Chuck) Hoffberger as Jewish Agency Board of Governors' chairman - Morton Mandel of Cleveland, South Africa's Mendel Kaplan and Shoshana Cardia, Ramat Gan-born U.S. Council of Jewish Federations' leader.

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A fine festival that missed the masses

Lev Bearfield

"JERUSALEM THEATRE," this newspaper's Israel Festival reporter said wearily as he climbed into a taxi one hot afternoon towards the end of last week.

"Right," said the cabbie, who shifted gears, eased out into the flow of traffic and began humming one of the popular refrains from *Carmen*.

Well, well, well.

Nearly a month earlier, when we started our daily diary coverage of the festival, we had recorded another cab driver's professed ignorance of and subliminal indifference to the country's biggest cultural event. The Jewish state of course may be the only nation where, in our funny way, we're disappointed if cabbies and other working-class heroes don't get all worked up about concerts and drama and ballet. But just how far the existence of an arts festival penetrates the consciousness of a society is to a degree one measure of its success.

The festival is, after all, something of a public utility, not entirely unlike the national water carrier or our

television service. In addition to depending on ticket sales and private donors, the festival receives public funding. It is a national, or at least multi-locale event, is open to all and ideally, offers something for everyone.

An arts festival does of course tend to emphasize high culture and thus appeal mostly to the *culturalati*. How well it caters to this public depends on the judiciousness of the programme selection. And by most accounts the 1987 festival succeeded in this respect: our highly discriminating music, dance and theatre audiences were generally pleased with the variety and the quality of this year's offerings. The intellectual and avant garde fare was also leavened with a good share of pleasantly accessible items: jazz jams, traditional dance, and drama, familiar, hummable opera.

If the "ready audience" for a festival is largely enthusiastic about the programme choices, then the festival officials are in a large sense justified in congratulating themselves. In



It's cheaper, it's less comfortable, to slip in unofficially behind the scenes. (Erwin Schenkeltach)

fact, they did just that at a press conference last week, where they spoke of "having found the right formula for the largest and most successful Israel Festival ever...the path to pursue for festivals to come."

But a festival by definition should also be judged by what it achieves beyond that ready audience of theatre-goers. Reporters at the press conference were quick to bring up this very point. Indeed, after every

festival the same questions seem to be raised: Why this performance and not that, why aren't more Israeli artists involved, why are prices high, why can't anything start on time. But the fact that the festival's reach is questioned at the end of every year suggests that the organizers still have some obstacles to overcome on that path to success.

What about the residents of Jerusalem's poorer neighbourhoods.

asked one reporter. How much impact, if any, did the Israel Festival have on them? Why weren't street shows and other performances brought to the neighbourhoods? Why weren't subsidized tickets made available?

To his credit, the festival's artistic director, Oded Kotler, did not waffle in his reply. Among other things, he said that offering programmes in the Katamonim had not proved successful in the past; that between the early-purchase discounts and public funding ticket prices were as low as possible; that the cost of festival programmes was not out of line with dining out or other forms of entertainment that people in so-called poorer neighbourhoods simply may prefer.

QUITE POSSIBLY. Yet it still seems to us desirable - if not obligatory - that a festival permeate its host city as far as possible. This is after all Jerusalem's Israel Festival - not the Jerusalem Theatre Festival. If taking programmes into the neighbourhoods has not proved successful before, this does not argue for abandoning the effort: if anything, it would seem to call for more of the kind of creative effort that has been put into improving the festival as a whole.

In both function and form the Jerusalem Theatre complex is a wonderful civic institution, and of course it's the natural centre for the festival. But it can't contain the entire festival and, with its red plush character, it shouldn't. Programmes did take place at nine other venues in Jerusalem. But there must be nine - if not 19 - other perfectly good indoor and outdoor sites throughout the city.

Many new and old neighbourhoods, for example, have fine community centre halls that are underused. Many parks, plazas and other open spaces go unemployed as venues. Why shouldn't the festival percolate out to Gilo, to Neveh Ya'acov, to Ramot or to other densely populated areas that we so vigorously insist are integral parts of Jerusalem?

In previous years concerts and plays have been presented in the Rothschild Plaza in the Jewish Quarter and were appreciated by residents and by neighbouring Armenians: why not this year? For that matter, what impact did the festival have on residents of East Jerusalem?

We also seem to recall in previous festivals that many of the guests brought here for formal programmes also took their talents out onto the street. This year only Italy's Potlach Theatre did so, and of its two performances one was right outside the Jerusalem Theatre. Otherwise, street entertainment was left to local artists, who consequently come off as the festival fringe, if not its poor cousins.

While recording our daily festival diary, we took the opportunity to poke fun at some of the street offerings. But our chief complaint is not about the quality of the performances, but of the quantity. We think that during the festival the street entertainment should be increased 100-fold.

If some of this is going to be amateurish or excessively looney or otherwise unsuccessful - that's all right. The pavement happens to be one of the proper venues for a performer to experiment, to collect and win an audience, to attract the attention of festival organizers, or to

make a fool of himself. And this should take place on all of the city's pavements, not just in the plazas in front of theatres or in Liberty Bell Park.

The point is, during a festival no one should be unaware of the festival, not even for a minute. A festival should not be an activity for the select, like a subscription to the Philharmonic. By definition, a festival should be celebration in which the entire city, to some extent, takes part.

Yes, we had some flags, we had some decorations, we had some street performers good, bad, and indifferent. We also had some creative events and inventive use of space. There just should be much, much more.

In short, we had a fine festival programme that included 700 foreign artists giving 170 performances to 122,000 ticket-holders (meaning considerably fewer individual patrons, since the majority bought discount packages). What we'd like to see is a more festive festival, one that makes itself infinitely more palpable throughout the capital and beyond.

It's unlikely that Jerusalem will soon rival Edinburgh or Salzburg, where "Festival" seem to be the second half of the city's name and where buskers and clowns appear to outnumber shoppers and shopkeepers. But the Israel Festival does aspire to be a world-class cultural event. In a remarkably short time it has earned a good name for itself abroad. But before it really enters the big league of international festivals, it will have to generate much more festival fever at home. One measure of "arriving" might be when we have more cabbies humming *Carmen*.

The joys and woes of wealth

TELEREVIEW/Philip Gillon

OMAR KHAYYAM often wondered what the vintners buy one half as precious as the goods they sell. I have sometimes wondered if the same way what the very wealthy can purchase. If we played the game of what we'd do if we had a million dollars to spend, I would be hard pressed to find anything but feeble answers. If, for instance, we judge the rich from *Dynasty* and *Dallas*, they seem to get very little for their money. They can't get a moment's privacy, the children go or living in the old homestead, and poor Crystal has to feed the goldfish herself.

One thing I do envy them: they never have to travel tourist class on El Al. Swissair once put me into their first-class section because they had overbooked the seat of the *hoi polloi*: I tell you, that was an experience that almost made me think the accumulation of wealth is worthwhile. Masses of leg space, no *mi-nyan* in the aisle next to me, beautiful Swiss maidens fawning on me with repeated glasses of Chivas Regal and plates of caviar and smoked salmon.

And yet, I don't know if it always works so well. Take poor old Blake Carrington, for example. He books himself an executive suite flight in the Far East, and who should suddenly come slinking out of the wood-

work? You've guessed it - the serpentine Alexis. The Talmud tells us that where there is love, there is room on the edge of a sword, but, when love dies, there is not enough room on a bed of 50 cubits. I think El Al tourist class without Alexis is preferable to an executive suite with her.

These deep thoughts are very relevant to my main theme this week: the Duchess of Windsor's jewels, which were the subject of *Second Look*. Diamonds, sapphires, rubies and pearls have always left me completely cold. When I saw the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London, I found them ugly, boring and even repellent. Not worth stealing.

But Wallis's collection, as shown to us, was something completely different. It hit like a bullet from an elephant gun. It was breathtaking, artistic, esthetic, fascinating, alluring. I was tempted to wish that I could do a Raffles act to get hold of some of those panthers of hers, or even the flamingo.

I remember asking Moshe Ater, the one-time economic editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, what his reaction

was to the Jewish National Fund. He replied that any mention of the Keren Kayemet always made him think of sex. When I expressed some bewilderment, he replied, "Everything always makes me think of sex."

Wallis's jewels had this effect on the romantic young woman from Sotheby's, who was showing off the panthers. She said they were so sexy that they made her think of orgasms. While I didn't go quite that far, I could understand how she felt as she stroked those slinky diamonds.

Edward "David" to her in many of the inscriptions was the kind of boyfriend any woman should cherish. Whatever happened to them moved him to say it in gems. Any separation or reunion was an occasion for some trifling memento.

AN INTERESTING question that arises is what Thatcher would do if the rumours about Prince Charles having an Italian countess as a mistress were to be proved true. (The rumours have been strongly denied by all parties concerned and, according to the sagacious politicians and civil servants of *Yes, Prime Minister*, denials so vigorous prove that rumours are true.) What if Charles started to lavish jewels on the Italian, and expressed a desire to divorce Di, and marry his inamorata?

An Italian countess is obviously better than an American commoner, and a divorced one at that. Nevertheless, I think that Charles would have to go.

What about today's permissive society and all that? Well, look what happened to Cecil Parkinson and Jeffrey Archer in England very recently for committing adultery, and to Gary Hart in the U.S. for the same amiable little vice. Apparently we do not permit our betters these amusements and diversions that we allow most of humanity to enjoy. Thatcher has decided with great

courage to give Parkinson another chance. I wonder whether she will get away with it.

I AM SORRY to report that our other contact with British high society, *The Pallisers*, has declined considerably in quality in recent weeks. The series was great as long as we were concerned with the destinies of likeable though inept Phineas Finn, saved from an awful fate by that exceptional woman, Madame Max. Now that the Jewish adventurer, Lopez, has taken over, the show has become embarrassingly bad.

My objection is not that Lopez is a Jew: the previous villain, whom Madame Max brought to his deserved ruin, was also a Jew. But this one is acted in so heavy and ham-handed a fashion that one blushes for the performer instead of detesting the cad. I hope that he will soon get his come-uppance, and that the show will return to its previous high standard.

At the other end of the British social scale, we are seeing, in *The Citadel* some of the awful conditions in which the Welsh miners lived in the Thirties. The picture we get of an old-fashioned horse-and-buggy doctor, completely devoted to his pa-



The duchess and jewels. (Agi)

tients, yet, at the same time, doing research in his room at home, makes us realize how great the medical revolution of the last 50 years has been.

It is impossible to find a doctor like Andrew today. Not that doctors are any less dedicated, but because a doctor as able as Andrew would be working in a great medical centre with very expensive diagnostic and research tools.

The acting, direction and photography of that vanished age is so good that the serial, in a strange sort of way, makes me nostalgic. Which, of course, is utterly absurd.

LOVERS OF sport have been having a wonderful time during the last couple of weeks - in fact, it is hard to remember when we had it so good. The State Cup soccer final, the basketball European Cup, the NBA, the Lou Silver testimonial match, much of it live and at reasonable hours - that's the kind of stuff to give us.

Israel Television broke down, predictably, on the French Open tennis championship. Jordan Open tennis testimonial match, much of it live and at reasonable hours - that's the kind of stuff to give us.

We Israelis have a big pride, and, if King Hussein wants to retain our support, he had better do something about it. And fast. The Jordan Channel Six signal is so weak that thousands of Israelis can't get it at all, especially in the summer months. Others see shadowy figures moving in a mist, as through glass, darkly. We keep asking, "Is that Boris Becker or Steffi Graf?" This detracts, not only from our enjoyment, but also from our belief in the monarchical system.

Of course, we would attain national independence from a country, which is, after all, officially an enemy, if Israel Television would cover the tennis as well as Jordan does. Wimbledon is on the threshold. Come, ITV, prove your mettle, and show that, what Hussein's people can do, you can do better.

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SPORTS

TENNIS

Shlomo's fight

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Shlomo Glickstein's titanic battle for a place in the main Wimbledon championships ended in failure yesterday, when he went down in five sets to Larry Stefanki.

Having won two tough three-set matches in the first two rounds of the Roehampton qualifying tournament, Glickstein simply did not have the strength to overcome his younger American opponent in this, the final qualifier.

He began badly, losing the first set 6-4, and played even worse to lose the second set 6-1. The Israeli, at this point, seemed headed for a straight set defeat.

In the third set, though, Glickstein finally began to find his touch, serv-

ing better, and beginning to find an answer to Stefanki's booming first serves. He won the set. Then he maintained his form in the fourth set, taking it 6-4. Suddenly the pressure was on Stefanki.

But the American kept his cool, and, although Glickstein battled hard throughout the final set, it was the American who edged through on top, taking the set 8-6, thereby booking himself a place in Monday's Wimbledon opening round.

Brian Teacher, once a regular in the world's top 20, was eliminated in three sets by Alexander Volkov of Russia.

In a tournament in Bristol, Vijay Amritraj, the Indian Davis Cup captain, was beaten 6-1, 6-4 by Mihail Schapere of Holland in the third round.



FRIENDS AGAIN? — One of the most important outcomes of Wednesday night's game against the European All-Stars may be the rapprochement between Maccabi Tel Aviv captain Mickey Berkowitz and shooting star Doron Jamchee. In a post game press conference, Jamchee read a prepared statement expressing sorrow for the recent acrimonious exchanges between them, and stated emphatically that he was happy to have Berkowitz join him as a representative of Israel in the European All-Star team. The team has games coming up against Aris Salonika in Greece and next week in Sofia, Bulgaria. Mickey graciously acknowledged Jamchee's words, saying he too wanted to forget the past, and offered him his hand. Above, Berkowitz welcomes Jamchee on to the court before the game. (Text: Don Gould. Photo: Hanoah Gutmann)

Royals try winning to overcome despair

NEW YORK (AP). — In their time of despair, the Kansas City Royals tried to overcome their sadness by doing what came most naturally — playing baseball.

Five hours after hearing that former manager Dick Howser had died following a year-long fight with brain cancer, the Royals beat the Oakland Athletics 10-5 on Wednesday night.

"Once the game starts, you have to be able to put aside everything else," said George Brett, one of Howser's closest friends on the team. "I thought about it occasionally. I think we had to go out and put Dick out of our minds."

Brett, Bo Jackson and Frank White hit home runs, helping Bret Saberhagen become the first 12-game winner in the major leagues.

"Before the game, I was going out there thinking, 'Maybe this one is for him,'" Saberhagen said. "I don't know if other guys in here were thinking that or not. We just went out to play a good game tonight."

The crowd of 26,780 at Royals Stadium observed a minute of silence in memory of Howser, who began spring training as Kansas City's manager. The Royals will wear armbands in tribute to Howser starting on July 3, the day the team had previously planned to retire his uniform No. 10.

"In the moments that you're not busy, you think about what's going on," White said. "I don't think we went into the game with that idea (winning for Howser)."

In other American League games, Detroit defeated Toronto 3-1. New York beat Baltimore 4-3. Milwaukee defeated Minnesota 5-5. Boston beat Cleveland 5-4. California beat Texas 4-1 and Seattle beat Chicago 4-2.

While Smith was prospering, New York's Sid Fernandez was having his worst outing of the year. Fernandez, 2-3, allowed seven earned runs, the most he has ever surrendered in a major league game, and Fernandez's team was the first Yankees to yield.



Dick Howser, who died on Wednesday afternoon of brain cancer, helped bring championship baseball to New York and Kansas City.

His death came about 11 months after doctors partially removed a malignant tumor from the left side of his brain on July 22. Just one week before, although suffering persistent headaches and frequent lapses in memory, Howser managed the American League to victory in the All-Star game.

After 10 years as a coach for the New York Yankees, Howser became manager in 1990 and guided the team to 103 victories and the American League East title.

He became manager of the Kansas City team in 1981, taking the Royals to Western Division titles in 1984 and 1985, and to the '85 World Series championship. He never managed a team that finished worse than second.

Mike Fitzgerald just kept on doing what he does so well against the New York Mets. Bryn Smith simply did something he had thought he might never do again.

Fitzgerald and Smith were key figures at the Montreal Expos routed the Mets 9-1. The Expos are 4-2 against the Mets this year.

"I'm tired of beating up on the Mets," said Fitzgerald, who was New York's regular catcher in 1984 before being included in the trade which sent Gary Carter to the Mets.

"I wish I could do some of that against some of the other clubs," Fitzgerald said on Wednesday.

What Fitzgerald did on Wednesday was hit a grand slam and up his average against his former team to .295 with three home runs and 25 runs batted in. Against the rest of the NL, he is hitting .220 with 14 homers and 95 RBI.

Smith pitched his first complete game since last August 30, losing his shutout in the ninth inning. The right-hander had undergone elbow surgery in the off-season and didn't get past the seventh inning in his nine starts this year.

In other games, it was San Diego 3, Los Angeles 7; Atlanta 6, San Francisco 1; Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 1; Cincinnati 9, Houston 1; and Chicago 5, Philadelphia 3.

SHAMIR

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words of a source in the delegation, agreed to substantially increase Israel's aid to Doe's "green revolution," which aims to restore food self-sufficiency to Liberia. Shamir also agreed to send a third Israeli doctor to Liberia.

Flanked by Israel's Ambassador to Monrovia, Arye Ivztan, a former police inspector-general, Shamir apparently also agreed to increase Israel's assistance to the country's security forces, which are the main, or only, prop of the Doe regime.

In order to carry out the "green revolution," Doe is in need of money. Shamir agreed to intercede on Doe's behalf with the U.S. Congress, which has recently blocked aid appropriation to Liberia.

Regarding Wednesday's talks with Cameroon President Paul Biya, Shamir said at the briefing that Biya had assured him that he would soon send at least a chargé d'affaires to Tel Aviv. Shamir said that Biya had told him that Cameroon's Muslim notables, when they learned of his intention to resume ties with Israel, had told him: "Don't worry, we are with you. We know the Israelis are a serious people."

Both Biya and Togo President Eyadema asked Shamir to help them to persuade the U.S. Congress to increase foreign aid to their countries. Eyadema promised Shamir to help Israel in its effort to re-establish ties with other African countries.

The Egyptians, said Shamir, are no longer preventing the re-establishment of such ties. Shamir said that establishing diplomatic ties with China "will take a long time."

He said that the American administration gives African states "ridiculously (small) sums" in foreign aid. He attributed this to opposition senators and congressmen, "some of whom are Jewish," who argue against increased allocations on grounds of human rights violations.

"But every African leader tells (me) the same story: democracy is no good for Africa (at the moment). It doesn't work here."

Shamir said that only few African states take seriously the problem of South African apartheid. Most merely pay lip service to the subject. He said Israel's recent anti-apartheid decisions do not interest most of the black states.

While Israel's desire is to shift the centre of gravity in its aid to Africa from the military and security fields to civilians sectors, Israel was to some degree bound by what the Africans themselves want. Shamir said that where there are internal (problems) — does not offer security aid and doesn't sell riot control equipment, such as tear gas shells. To these regimes Israel sells weapons, but not for the suppression of riots, Shamir said.

Regarding Sri Lanka, Shamir said that there, too, there is an external intervention element. "They are very good clients. We have sold them many things, including Dabur patrol craft," Shamir said.

CENTENARIANS. — The number of Americans aged over 100 could quadruple by the end of the century, according to a study released by the Washington National Institute on Aging.

Sherf's misery doubled

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

Less than a week after the return home of Israel's national team from Greece, where they placed 11th in the 12-team European Championships, head coach Zvi Sherf has been given his walking papers.

Sherf, replaced after last season as coach of Maccabi Tel Aviv, was voted out as national team coach yesterday by the central committee of the Israel Basketball Association.

Sherf's likely replacement is Moshe Weintraub, according to reliable sources. An official announcement is expected on Sunday.

Weintraub took over the reins at Hapoel Tel Aviv at mid-season with the team floundering near the bottom of the table and led them to the league finals against eventual champions Maccabi Tel Aviv. Sherf, who lost his job at Maccabi when Ralph Klein returned from Germany, despite having taken Maccabi to the European Cup finals against

Tracer Milan, leaves the national team after three less-than-successful seasons.

At the 25th European Championships just completed at Athens, Israel started promisingly, winning their first against Czechoslovakia, only to lose their next five contests in a row. Only their final game victory over Romania staved off a last-place finish.

Sherf was much criticized throughout the championships for his handling of the young Israeli team and for his seeming inability to devise a creative offense.

Their poor showing dropped the national team out of Division A in European basketball for the coming year, leaving them to battle for one of four promotion spots from Division B before the next European Championships two years away.

Two years ago, at the last European championships, Israel — coached by Sherf — suffered a similar fate after finishing in the bottom tier. Last year, Sherf led the team to a winning season in Division B, gaining a promotion to this year's championships.

On Wednesday night, Sherf's former team Maccabi Tel Aviv boun-

doured star Lou Silver for his years of fine service to the perennial champions.

The result of the game between Maccabi and the European all-star team was in many ways secondary to the occasion. It was easily predictable that the Europeans would win big, not only for the obvious reasons, but also because most of Maccabi's players were not in competitive shape and were playing together after only two full practices with returning coach Klein.

Nevertheless, a feeling of warmth pervaded every corner of Yad Eliyahu. In some ways the highest tribute to Silver's 18 years of play came from the members of the European team. All were exhausted from playing in the recently-concluded Athens championships, but when they were asked why they came, each was quick to express, in his own way, that the opportunity to honor Lou Silver was something they would not want to miss.

The game also produced one happy note for Maccabi, when Kevin McGehee officially signed a new four-year contract. The terms have not been disclosed, but the amount of money offered is rumored to be a record amount for Maccabi Tel Aviv.

RUGBY

French wing gets kick from new hair

French wing Didier Camberabero, whose goal kicking could prove vital in the final, has a novel explanation for the new-found confidence in his play.

Camberabero, who made his debut for France five years ago, attributes his remarkable comeback after several years in the wilderness to a hair transplant.

The 26-year-old son of Guy Camberabero, the goal-kicking master of the 1960s, was dropped after only two games in 1983 and did not return until he was picked as a replacement for the injured Philippe Berot for the World Cup tournament.

The transformation in Camberabero's attitude came earlier this year when, increasingly embarrassed by premature baldness, he agreed to an offer of a hair transplant by former French B international and hair-dresser Gerard Guidi.

Camberabero appeared in New Zealand with a new head of black hair and promptly set a world record of 30 points against the Kiwis in the first round of the World Cup. He then kicked a vital 14 points in the upset semifinal win over Australia.

To ensure that the success story continues, Guidi has been flown to New Zealand to help Camberabero take care of his glossy swoop.

France-New Zealand round 2

WELLINGTON. — Scene of the Rainbow Warrior affair, Auckland will host another New Zealand-France confrontation tomorrow — the final of the World Cup rugby competition.

The match-up promises to be almost as explosive as the event three years earlier when the environmental research-ship was wrecked in a New Zealand harbour by French saboteurs and which almost disrupted diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The previous encounter is certain to give an extra edge to the home crowd's support. But on another plane the clash will certainly be a classic between the two teams which have played the most entertaining rugby in the tournament.

By reaching the final the Tricolours have achieved what their more illustrious compatriots in the round-ball game have failed to do. The French won a semi-final thriller in Sydney in a game, which on its own, was enough justification for the World Cup experiment. Up until then they had failed to play to their potential; against the much-vaunted Wallabies, however, they showed all their dazzling skills and simultaneously dispelled myths that they neither travel well nor can they come from behind to win.

Wallaby coach Alan Jones, leading his team from the sideline, claimed his side had played Beethoven so often they could throw away the sheet music. Despite being in tune they could not match the orchestration of the French.

The signs are starting to show that the great Australian side of the mid-1980s has passed its peak. In the preliminary pool matches they struggled against England and heavily-rated Japan.

While French passage to the final has been tough including a 20-all thriller with Scotland, the All Blacks have had a relatively easy time. Whether it has been lack of opposition or the overwhelming strength of their play will be determined tomorrow, but the fact remains that to date the rampaging Kiwis have averaged over 50 points a game. From the 70 point thrashings with which they

The inaugural rugby union World Cup reaches its conclusion tomorrow with the final between France and New Zealand. SIMON LOUISSEON assesses the prospects for the final and the overall impact of the tournament on the rugby world in a special report to The Jerusalem Post from New Zealand.

The most significant aspect of this competition, apart from it being a first for the sport, is that it has been a triumph for rugby. Nothing much separates the top three teams which have played the most attractive rugby, but the gap between them and the rest is as wide as the gap in the Welsh defence last Sunday.

The title of best player in the four sides is shared by the two most graceful players, the "great world champions." The scheduling of trials in South Africa gives credence to the rumors.

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HOOKER. — John Drake, the All Blacks' prop (AFP telephoto)

despatched Italy and Fiji in the opening rounds to the embarrassing 49-6 defeat they inflicted on the hapless Welsh in the semi-final, the All Blacks have looked awesome. Psychologically and organizationally

the New Zealanders look the best prepared side, but whether they can match the physical strength and speed of the French is what makes the final so intriguing.

The only cloud hanging over this inaugural World Cup in South Africa. Rumors continue to swirl from New Zealand and Australia that either the winning team or an international selection side will fly to the Republic at the end of the tournament to determine the "true world champions."

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More than a homeland

TORA TODAY/Pinchas H. Peli

The Tora portion read this week is Shlach (Numbers 13:1-15:41).

SHE WAS IN the centre of the events and discussions and if one may say so, she was the main character in the drama which marked a major turning point in the life of the people Israel. In a way, she still occupies the centre stage in the life of Israel to this day. Though not a person in the usual sense of the word, she possesses a singularity and unmistakable personal identity. A small piece of land somewhere in the "Middle East," hardly a speck on the universal globe, no one ever related to her as to another "it," but with all the emotions and passions one feels towards a living being. The relationship has never been one-sided, as she always presented a challenge, made demands.

The Land of Israel was not merely a beloved precious homeland for the people of Israel. Many peoples love their homeland, but the "love affair" with this land in Jewish tradition begins a long time before there was a people. When Abraham first encountered God, before he knew that he and Sarah were to be the founders of a great nation, he was ordered: "Go forth... to the land that I will show you!" From that moment on the fate of the promised land and the covenantal people became inseparably intertwined. Always wavering between promise and reality; always representing duty-bound command and at the same time an overwhelming loving attachment.

The Bible, and the rabbis to an even greater extent, never tired of heaping praises on the Land. They attributed to it unmatched qualities, both spiritual and physical.

Now Moses and the Israelites, recently established as an independent free people in possession of Tora revealed at Sinai, were about to enter the Land. The promise and dream of a land "flowing with milk and honey" which accompanied them and their ancestors through centuries of trials and tribulations was about to become a reality. A distinguished delegation comprised of representatives of every tribe, dispatched to "scout" the land, brings back a slanted report which results in awful consequences (Numbers, ch. 13). There is "loud crying and weeping" (ibid., ch. 14) for that generation that will never get to the land, and for future generations as well (b'khiya l'dorot, T.B. Taanith 29a).

Tora records two major sins committed in the desert by the freed slaves, now struggling to become a nation: the worship of the Golden Calf and the "uttering of slander against the land." Of the two, the first, a heinous crime against God himself, is forgiven; the second, where the sin was against the land, is not forgiven. Once slander is uttered it spreads far and wide, and it is no more possible to retract or erase it.

SLANDERERS USUALLY do not pronounce outright lies. They rather resort to half-truths and insinuations of the "yes... but" kind, which are more dangerous and harmful. The "spies" who spoke against the land were no exception to this.

When they returned from their mission, they shared their findings with Moses and Aaron and the entire congregation: "We came to the land you sent us to; it does indeed flow with milk and honey... however..."

And while they were recounting the shortcomings which they found in the land, Caleb, who together with Joshua presented a dissident view, cut in (verse 30), "hushed the people..." and said, let us by all means go up, and we shall gain possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it!

At first, Caleb's remarks seem not to the point. Instead of contradicting the spies and offering his own findings, he states the need of "going up" to the land immediately. I would like to suggest that Caleb was telling them not to cover up their unwillingness to "go up" to the land with all kinds of phony facts and half-truths. The real question, says Caleb, is whether we are ready to "go up" or not. In response, the spies forgot their "objective" reporting and were drawn into the argument posed by Caleb: "We are not able," they admitted, "to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we" (verse 31). Now that "the cat was out of the bag," they appeared no more as "objective observers," but as opinionated slanderers motivated by personal fears and complexes: "We looked like grasshoppers to ourselves and so were we in their eyes" (verse 33). One who starts out thinking of himself as a "grasshopper," looks so also in the eyes of others and should never become a spokesman for the people in matters concerning "going up" to the land.

THERE IS often a thin dividing line between objective observations and slanderous reporting. The worst happens when some personal resentment one may harbour towards the land for one reason or another, is turned into an "ideology." The passionate arguments for and against "going up" to the land which flared up more than 3000 years ago, arouse the same passions today. Even the terminology has not changed. We still call moving to the land of Israel *aliya*, which means "going up." We even coined a new usage in the English language: "to make *aliya*," and we call the immigrants *olim*.

Picking oneself up and moving to another country often requires great efforts and courageous personal sacrifices. Not everyone has the guts displayed by Yehuda Halevi in the 12th century, when asked by the king of Khazars, why he does not go on *aliya*, he answered straightforwardly: "You got me on this one, I am truly ashamed of myself (The Book of Kuzari, 2.24). Most people will find a thousand and one excuses for not putting into practice the *aliya* about which they preach and pray daily.

The *meraglim* sent by Moses were chiefs of their tribes and afraid that they would not be able to retain their high positions or would be forced to lower their standards of living in the new land. Had they stated clearly their reasons for objecting to "go up," they might have been forgiven. Their crime was that in order to justify themselves, they fabricated a distorted picture of half-truths which amounted to *dibbat ha-aretz*, slandering the land.

The relationship of a Jew to the land could never remain neutral. It expresses itself in passions either of love or of hatred, often in the complicated mixture of both. A striking example of a "repeat performance" of the report of the *meraglim* was an article published some weeks ago by Rabbi Jacob Neusner in the *Washington Post*, declaring that "if ever there was a Promised Land, we Jewish Americans are living in it." Carried away by his own enthusiasm and producing typical half-truth "facts," Neusner declares that "America is not only good for the Jews, but better for the Jews than the State of Israel." *Aliya*, according to Neusner, should be ruled out. Israel at most, is like what they say about New York, a great place to visit, but not to live in!

The same sentiments, although in somewhat different words, were expressed over 3,000 years ago by Neusner's ancestors, the *meraglim*.

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LOOKING THROUGH their tent flaps on blustery winter days in the 1950s, the new immigrants in the Talpiot *ma'bara* - the large immigrant transit camp in southern Jerusalem - could not have imagined in their wildest dreams the "ma'bara" through which new immigrants would pass in 1987: the five-star Diplomat Hotel on the other side of Talpiot, only 500 metres from their camp.

"We feel guilty about staying in a luxury hotel," said David Kwartin of Moscow, last week as he gestured at the enormous, marble-clad lobby of the hotel. "No one owes us this."

For the past month, Kwartin has been occupying a three-room suite at the hotel with his wife and four children. They are among more than 100 immigrants who have been put up at three hotels in Jerusalem - the others are the three-star Menorah and the four-star Tamir - under a new Absorption Ministry policy that went into effect two months ago in anticipation of large-scale immigration from the Soviet Union.

Aiming at offering maximum free choice of domicile to new arrivals, the ministry is permitting them to select Jerusalem even though the absorption centres in and around the city are filled. "Until now," explains Ya'acov Gershon, the ministry's Jerusalem regional director, "we would have told them at Ben-Gurion Airport 'Sorry, there is no room in Jerusalem. You can go to Nazareth or Beersheba or other places on our list.' Now we do not say 'nyet' any more because we can put them up at hotels."

The practice, thus far, is confined to Jerusalem, where almost half the Soviet immigrants ask to be sent - but would be extended to other areas if absorption centres there could not handle the load. A ministry official said the cost of a hotel solution - NIS 70 per day per family at the Diplomat and less elsewhere - was "peanuts" compared to the cost of extended stays by immigrants in absorption centres. He noted that the project is jointly funded by the ministry and the Jewish Agency.

The object, says Gershon, is to make the hotels true transit points in which the immigrants would linger no more than a week or two before moving on to a rented apartment subsidized by the ministry. Difficulty in finding apartments, however, has extended the stay in cases like the Kwartins to a month. The ministry has now signed a contract with one of the largest real estate firms in the city in an attempt to build up a pool of rental apartments. The hotels involved continue to rent rooms to regular guests in addition to those paid for by the ministry.

The irony of the situation is that most of the Soviet immigrants in the luxury accommodations are sturdy, highly-motivated individuals who would probably have borne up well in the primitive conditions endured by their predecessors during the mass immigration of the 1950s. Many of them speak near-perfect



Some of the Kwartin family from the Soviet Union. Temporary address, the Diplomat Hotel, Jerusalem. (P. Tikiner/Media)

Luxury pioneering

Hebrew learned in the Soviet Union, most are young and have professional backgrounds.

The dazzle of a hotel with full board pales quickly for the immigrant families, particularly those with children, and the atmosphere of transience depresses. "It's as if we haven't arrived in Israel yet," says Marina Vorobyon, in a room at the Menorah Hotel crowded with luggage, a baby carriage and the sundries of a family of four living in the same confined space for two weeks. "We feel like tourists but we came to live here."

Unlike the womb-like absorption centres where immigrants often stay for a year or more, the hotel *ma'barot* are aimed at getting the newcomers in touch with the realities of Israeli life quickly. They are encouraged to find apartments on their own or with the assistance of relatives and friends already living here and they have proved adept at it. Outside the Menorah, Marina's husband Alexander - like his wife a computer programmer - was on his

Abraham Rabinovich

way to look at an apartment in the Rascos Quarter with a friend from Moscow who has been living in Jerusalem for two years. He had got the address from a rental agency downtown where he had paid a fee to look at listings.

THE 170,000 Soviet immigrants who arrived in the 1970s are regarded by the ministry as a prime support system for the current arrivals. The Kwartins at the Diplomat, advised by friends and relatives about rental agencies and Friday newspaper listings, believe they have found a suitable apartment in nearby East Talpiot and David Kwartin has already been to several job interviews on the basis of newspaper advertisements he read. Some ministry officials agree with the newcomers that the hotel solution is not as suitable for immigrants who do not speak Hebrew or do not have relatives or

friends to help guide them.

The newcomers receive handsome subsidies for rental housing for their first year. Families with up to five persons receive up to IS 400 per month, sufficient for three-room apartments in neighbourhoods like Ramot and Gilo. Families of six or more receive up to IS 520 for a four-room apartment. (In places other than Jerusalem where rents are lower, these figures are somewhat less.) Lesser subsidies are provided for a second year if required. The ministry hopes, however, that by then the immigrants will be employed and able to take advantage of the mortgages available for new immigrants which range between \$40-55,000, depending on family size.

In their own way, the hotel immigrants are pioneers - possibly paving the way for thousands of others in the event of large-scale immigration. Israeli folklore may even be enriched in the future by the image of some *Salah Shabbati*-like figure from Kiev making bootleg borscht in the bathtub of his five-star *ma'bara*.

Not Herzl's kind of Tiberias

Helga Dudman

ALEX ANSKY was trying to telephone someone at the Tiberias municipality on a Friday morning not long ago. This was on his *Mama's Voice* radio programme on the Army Channel, which relays greetings to soldiers from their families.

Poor man. It was "Busy! Slam!" and again, "Busy! Slam!" and "What did you want?" A perfect example of Israeli public-service switchboard style. Ansky, whose voice is as disarming and mellifluous as this switchboard-person's was rude, kept saying calmly, "I won't give up, I won't give up..."

Ansky's encounter with the voice of Tiberias occurred a few days after the bang-up opening of the newly-revived Club Hotel in the city. There were hundreds of free-loading guests, including some biggies (who actually gave up watching *Eurovision* in order to be seen themselves) and about 200 kids. Amplified music, balloons, fireworks! And of course, speeches, heard by this reporter (a neighbour) from her bathtub. (The laws of acoustics are immutable; not so the laws of Kanowitz and decency.)

One speech was by manager Yoni Halper, who quoted Herzl's description in *Altneuland* of how Tiberias

would one day be - like "the glorious season of the Riviera between Nice and Cannes," a "favourite with rich Americans and Europeans who had formerly gone to Sicily and Egypt..."

This neat description has been used often in speeches by Mayor Bibi, who got it as a gift from this reporter, who has great esteem for the mayor in his backbreaking job.

HERZL, by the way, never visited this city during his 1898 trip to the Holy Land. For the colourful details in his beautiful account of Future Tiberias ("neat little lanes and quiet squares") he relied on friends who had been here, which is a good way to write visions.

Which brings us to Arthur Rupp, the father of Galilee settlement. Unlike Herzl, Rupp was a frequent visitor to Tiberias, and as practical as Herzl was not. In 1911, nine years after the publication of *Altneuland*, of course he knew well, Rupp wrote that "no European of higher cultural requirements could possibly endure it for long in the vicinity of Tiberias."

What bothered Rupp here 75 years ago was the filth and crowding within the walls. But alas, if Rupp were with us today, it is a super-safeguards that he would be far more dismayed by the current style of progress and prosperity than by the



Herzl...a visionary's view

plight of poverty in his day.

Few couplings are more depressing than the one between newly rich and richly unwisdom. Eras of poverty and ignorance engender the optimistic theory that if you just pump in money and education of sorts, things will be great. But the results churned out appear to be exceptionally well-fed and reasonably literate adults, who pay to be shouted at and amused, exactly like dull average kindergarteners.

Herzl did predict tennis for Tiberias ("white-clad young people playing on the courts behind the hotels")

but completely missed any vision of aerobic dancing or disco games for the kids. Mornings, we in the neighbourhood, as in any Israeli neighbourhood near such post-Herzlian enterprises, are treated to grotesquely artificial fun around the pool.

Loudspeaker: "Where are you all? Come on, have fun! Splash, splash! Shigan! Lady, don't get out of the pool, it's not allowed! Shigan!"

THE BIGGEST misalliance is between under equipped, uninformed municipal government and the clout of random development. In "resort hotels," it's between rootin'-tootin' "holiday village" atmosphere and "5-star luxury." And in this Tiberias instance, it's between the demands of former time-sharing owners of the collapsed original (with all its built-in headaches), and busloads of weekenders. It's almost like the marriage between the Alignment and the Likud; but at Laromne, which now manages this hotel, it's pretty much Herut all the way.

Let's try some comments from Herzl and Rupp, had they been considered Beautiful enough to qualify for the guest list at that opening:

Herzl: "Look, Art, isn't that Tami Ben-Ami in a striking glittering gown! Ach, auch Mickey Berkowitz! And wow, a bevy of top fashion models! Didn't I say it well; if you will, it is no fairy tale."

Rupp: "And Uri Malmillian! Oh, I swoon...and there's a rumour that Ofra Haza is here! Quick, Benjamin Ze'ev, let's go talk to Dani Gov, brother of Gidi! And Yossi Ginosar, the glamorous personality from the Shabak affair! And journalists from all political parties..."

Herzl: "Aber warum sind alle diese Kinder hier, und nicht zu Hause im Bett? Und warum diese unseeliche laute Musik? Please explain Arthur, you're a sociologist."

But Rupp's answer is drowned out by "Speedy Gonzales." Neighbourhood estimates of the cost of the opening are around \$70,000; the food thrown out would have fed Old Tiberias for - how long?

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Pinhas Landau reports on a growing revolt against the Bank of Israel's controls.

THE BANK WARS

IT'S OPEN war now - and on more than one front - between the commercial banks and their would-be lord and master, the Bank of Israel.

Any lingering doubts were removed last week, when Deputy Examiner of Banks Amnon Goldschmidt clashed publicly with Bank Hapoalim's dynamic CEO, Amiram Sivan over the right of the regulators to tell the managers how to run their banks.

The second front opened with a crash this week when the Recanatis called the government's bluff over the thorny issue of ownership of the banks, by demanding the right to act like the owners and controllers of Bank Discount, which they are supposed to be - or be told that they couldn't because they weren't.

Hopefully, another round of public hostilities will take place this coming Monday when, in the context of another academic forum discussing the future of the banks, Examiner of Banks Galia Maor will be pitted against both Zaidi Bino of Leumi and Gideon Lahav of Discount. Unless they engage in a conspiracy of silence, they will have no choice but to take up where Goldschmidt and Sivan left off, namely over the vexed issue of the limits of regulation and the responsibilities of management.

The general public could be excused for being more than a little fed up with the soap-opera-style drama of Israeli banking, which has been almost daily fare for about

four years. But there is little doubt that there will be no let-up for at least the next 18 months - and maybe longer. The only consolation is that the *dramatis personae* have changed considerably, and - more important - the focus of the discussion is no longer who did what in the past, but who is going to do what in the future.

In this second stage of "Bank Wars," therefore, it is more difficult to decide who represent the forces of darkness and who are the good guys. Dathi Vader is in New York, and Orian Kinobe (a.k.a. Justice Moshe Bejski) has done his bit and left the scene. Auditioning for the part of Luke Skywalker are a host of would-be heroes, including Bino, Sivan, Goldschmidt and even Yehuda Drori, the Treasury capital markets commissioner and Aryeh Mintkevich, the new chairman of the Securities Authority.

ONE OF the most important developments to watch for over the coming months is the role of Galia Maor (whom we must cast, in the context of the Bank Wars scenario, as Princess Leia). There have been consistent

suggestions that Maor, after 4½ years on the job, is considering moving on. The only firm evidence to support this contention is the clear grooming of her deputy, Amnon Goldschmidt, as the heir apparent.

If she chose to go, it would probably be after she had seen the banking legislation she has been working on at least as far as the drafting stage. Nor would her departure be surprising. Since she became examiner in November 1982, she has known nothing but non-stop crises, and these must have worn her down. Worse, perhaps, than the huge volume of work, has been the endless criticism which has not been limited to her role in the bank share collapse and aftermath, but to everything the banks have been involved in - which is effectively the whole economy.

Thus, for example, this week the Knesset Finance Committee adopted its best Don Quixote style and demanded to know why the examiner had not prevented the banks from pouring money into the moshavim. Given that it was Maor who, albeit far too late, imposed restrictions on how much

banks could lend to individual borrowers or conglomerates, this seemed like scapegoat-hunting again. It came during the very week in which the banks' grossly overvalued the strength of Papa Hurwitz's cabinet position and prestige as for any valid business reason, was uncovered - suggesting that the answers to recent banking failures could better be sought in the legislature than in the civil service.

If Maor chucks it in, therefore, it will be as much in frustration over the well-known Israeli malaise of passing the buck from the government and Knesset to the operational level as because she can earn ten times as much in the private sector. Any ideals she may have had of serving the country, or dreams of personal fame and glory, have surely been expunged after five years of slog spent mainly trying to put Humpty Dumpty back together after the great fall.

But if she goes, for whatever reason, the course and outcome of the new conflict between the commercial and central banks may well be very different. At the moment,

Maor has a strong position when facing the new generation of bank heads, both because of her personal prestige and because the Bank of Israel has benefited from the weakness of the commercial banks. Put bluntly, the central bank has been kicking the commercials as hard as it can ever since they fell down.

However, they are beginning to recover, and there are increasing signs that they intend to fight back against what they see as an attempt by the central bank to impose itself on them - even to the extent of how to run the banks. Being new, they are not open to the charge that since they screwed up in the past, humbleness now becomes them.

Faced with Maor however, they are still at a disadvantage. It is quite likely that even in this case they will eventually rebuff the heavy-handed over-regulation that the Bank of Israel has saddled them with. But if they have the less experienced and less dominating Goldschmidt as their adversary, their chances of winning will rise significantly.

THE BANKS are likely to win in the end for two reasons. On the one hand, the Bank of Israel's position is untenable from the standpoint of economic logic. Most of the people in the central bank, including many people in the Examiner of Banks department, are aware that it is nonsense to pretend that they know best what is good for the banks. Nevertheless, state paternalism could still triumph, as it has in so many other sectors of the Israeli economy, were it not for the fact that the world trend is overwhelmingly in the opposite direction. The general de-regulatory trend in banking (cf. Alan Greenspan's appointment as chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank) will pull Israel along with the stream, as it is beginning to do in monetary policy.

The other reason for expecting the Bank of Israel to lose is that it will have to fight several battles at once, and it will probably choose to withdraw from the one in which it has least chance of winning - the fight over who runs the banks. It will probably prefer to concentrate its efforts on the other showdowns, over who owns and who controls the banks.

In the context of this complex, multi-front war, Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno will try to avoid the trap of spreading his limited forces too thinly and losing everywhere. If he does not have the services of an experienced general like Maor, he is even more likely to be cautious. After all, stubborn he may be, but stupid he isn't.

The railways' new port of call

Ya'acov Friedler investigates the workings of the Ports Authority which recently took over the railways.

THE PRESS and public look forward every week to a juicy scandal about some corporation losing millions, being unable to repay its debts or going bankrupt, preferably with a bit of skulduggery in the background.

So this week, when the Ports Authority took over the railways, the question echoed through the land: Where've they got the money from? If things at the authority are so good, surely there must be something wrong.

Actually the riches appear to be a bit of an embarrassment to the authority and general manager Shaul Raziel hastens to point out, "our Reserve Funds are mandatory, anchored in the Knesset Act that created the authority 26 years ago."

"Moreover, we didn't accumulate money by simply charging more in the ports (which are a monopoly). We are cheaper than the highly competitive European ports and for the many cargoes, very much cheaper."

"Finally we can't spend a single agora for development work out of all those millions, without the authorization of the Ministerial Committee for Economic Affairs."

When the railways merger finally becomes law, Raziel does not envision updating the outdated system, more suitable to Ottoman times than when it was established to the end of the 20th century, by spending large sums of money. "We will want to turn it into an efficient operation, with the development financed by loans from our Funds and others, that will have to be fully repaid from the revenue." He notes that 26 years ago, the new authority "purchased" the existing ports and lands from the government and paid for them from its own revenue over the years.

Raziel, 57, a Czech-born, Technion graduate chemical engineer, is the authority's fourth general manager. He claims that on the basis of a study made in eight large European ports by an authority expert with the aid of the Zim Shipping Company a couple of years ago, "all our tariffs for export cargoes are cheaper, and our tariffs for imports, which includes a (much needed) 2 per cent *ad valorem* wharf fee, are also either cheaper or about the same, with some exceptions."

For instance, he says, we charge only \$8 per ton for loading citrus fruit, compared to \$32 charged in Marseilles. And this is no small matter, as during the past season, which ended in April, 600,000 tons (40 million cases) were shipped.

"As a matter of fact the numbers took us by surprise. Granted that some of the differences are due to the rising value of the European

currencies (the authority calculates in dollars), they are still a feather in our cap. While the Europeans have been raising their tariffs, ours have fallen by 40 per cent, in real terms, over the past 10 years," he said.

The relatively high tariffs in Europe are due in large measure to those ports' overcapacity, instituted in order to be able to compete with each other, and the labour unions' refusal to reduce work gangs, adapting them to the new technologies that need less labour.

ARYEH MEHULAL, director of the Shippers Council representing the importers and exporters who use the ports, is also a member of the authority board. His one complaint is about the 2 per cent wharf fee, which, he says, "provides all the authority's development funds that now stand at \$300 million, at the expense of the importers. We are not satisfied because the Treasury does not allow the authority to use that money to buy all the equipment it needs to keep the cargoes flowing smoothly."

"This has hit Ashdod harbour especially hard, with outdated equipment that can't handle the load. We have a fight with the Treasury over this about once a week."

He also complains that importers who use Eilat harbour "for patriotic reasons" pay more than what it would cost them to work through Ashdod and the Suez Canal, because the "equalization subsidy" is too small.

He claims that the importers pay more in Israel's ports than the European tariffs "because of the *ad valorem* fee" but for exports "we have no complaints." He stresses that in Haifa, the recently completed \$100 million container terminal, built on land the authority reclaimed from the sea, "is a fine, modern facility second to none." And "far from being the white elephant the Treasury claimed it would be, it has turned out to be just what we needed when we needed it, and not a day too soon." He feels it is imperative to continue development work as the country will need several million tons more of coal for the new power stations.

He is firmly in favour of the railways merger because he believes the Ports Authority will be able to improve the railroads "before all our roads are choked."

Perhaps predictably, the Truckers Council firmly opposes the move. They recently issued a press release decrying "the monopolistic Ports Authority overcharging its clients and about to waste millions on a

railroad to Eilat that will only cause losses."

Raziel acknowledges that an Eilat railroad is one of the projects that will be considered after the merger. To his "surprise," he discovered the railways have not prepared a detailed plan for the scheme, which would run from the present southern limit of the rails, at Nahal Zin in the Arava, to the Red Sea port.

"Without such a plan, which I will consider a priority, we cannot really make a viable estimate of the economics of the project. All the numbers that have been bandied about are guesswork."

He concedes that more than economics is involved, namely the vision of a flourishing Negev.

"I'm willing to go along with one third vision, or if you like dreams, but I want to see two thirds of economic facts," he said.

THE ISRAELI Shipping Research Institute made a comprehensive independent comparative port tariff study in 1980. "We found that including the wharf fee, which is virtually unique, the costs in Israel's ports were about the same as those charged in Mediterranean and northwest European harbours," Dr. Yehuda Hayuth, of the Institute told *The Post*.

"The tariffs alone, without the wharf fee were much lower than in Europe."

"Our conclusion then was that the standard of our ports was similar to those in Europe," he said. Taking into account developments here and in Europe since 1980, he feels "the authority's claim that they are cheaper is probably right. Certainly exports handling is cheaper and I think our ports are efficient." If the wharf fee is abolished, it will have to be replaced by introducing other charges and raising present ones to generate revenue, Dr. Hayuth believes. Raziel says that some of the tariffs "don't cover the costs," and would

cause losses, were it not for the wharf fee.

He notes that the Neudorf committee which studied the issue for the government in effect recommended gradually abolishing the wharf fee and raising tariffs, especially for export cargo loading. "Economically the conclusion was right but as it went against the whole thrust of the government's export drive, the recommendation was shelved."

He added that in order to further the government's economic programme, the authority made a 7 per cent across-the-board reduction of all its tariffs in the 1986/87 fiscal year, at a cost of \$14 million in lost revenue, which it could afford because their "Funds" were flush with money.

WHAT ARE these funds? The Israel Ports Authority was established when the government planned to build the Ashdod harbour as Israel's second Mediterranean port, and applied for a loan from the World Bank. The bank insisted that the authority be set up and pay its own way.

It was modelled on the New York Ports Authority and by what Raziel considers "a stroke of genius," it was decided that its 15-member board of directors, (nine representatives of the public, six government officials) would include representatives of all port users, the Shippers Council, the Chamber of Shipping, Zim, industry. Its present chairman is Zvi Kanan, of the citrus industry, which is a major client.

On the other hand, then, the users' representatives are concerned about keeping tariffs low and on the other, also look to development to keep the ports' capacity abreast of the growing traffic. Both ways, they have only themselves to blame for failure.

The authority must, by law, be self-sufficient, but not profit oriented. However, it is obliged to keep four Reserve Funds to assure

its future. These are:

•The Pension Fund, which currently has NIS 800 million, a big sum that grew by leaps and bounds during the period of hyperinflation, just as other corporations' deficits grew by quantum jumps.

The authority has 3,694 pensioners, as against 2,500 wage earning employees, and paid them NIS 20 million last year. This sum was replenished by only NIS 9 million, which is the amount the authority put into the Fund (employees do not contribute to it), thus creating a deficit of NIS 11 million, which though minor in view of the big reserves, "must not be ignored."

•The Development Fund, from which the authority finances port expansion, renovation and procurement of equipment. This involves very large sums, over \$500 million since the authority was established, with annual investments of \$30 million to \$50 million continuing to keep the ports up to date.

Raziel said that the Fund, which now contains "several score millions" must provide the estimated \$200 million that will be needed to construct the Ashdod north expansion ("we must start in a year or two"), as well as the \$60 million to \$200 million for the Haifa port expansion to accommodate the planned new power plant and its coal pier - in addition to regular equipment replenishments.

•The Tariff Regulation Fund, whose reserves stand at about NIS 40 million, about double the NIS 21 million that will be needed this fiscal year to make up for the loss of revenue due to wharf fee reductions "the government forced us to make" on imported materials for the export industry.

•The Major Maintenance Jobs Fund, which has tens of millions of shekels, and is earmarked for financing such major works as the \$20 million repair of the Ashdod breakwater.

THE AUTHORITY therefore seems to be swimming in a sea of cash. Actually it's not. "Forty per cent of our money is held by the government's accountant-general and invested, by order, in government bonds, including \$30 million they forced us to invest in Bank Leumi shares," Raziel said.

"In the past fiscal year, we transferred \$53 million to the Treasury as a 17-year loan."

On paper "we're flush but we can't invest in development without specific government authorization."

Given these circumstances it's a wonder that the Ports Authority has been able to keep up with the growing traffic. Over the years it has involved a lot of shouting with the Treasury.

Raziel says "the technological revolution in shipping forced the modernization of the ports." However, the modern harbours are sometimes forced to handle old ships, causing hold-ups such as recently occurred in Ashdod.

"We warned the shippers this would happen," Raziel said, conceding that other factors too were involved. These included "an unforeseen 13 per cent increase in cargo volume in the 1986 fiscal year for a total of 15 million tons, a rise that continued during the first several months of this fiscal year."

A lot of the increase was in general cargo which came in old ships needing a lot of manual work. As their cargoes are destined mainly for the central part of the country, they frequent Ashdod.

In addition, Ashdod's Transtainer container cranes, purchased from its American manufacturers 15 years ago, have become obsolete, and the millions of dollars recently authorized is not enough to replace them. Finally, a small group of 16 container controllers have been conducting work slowdowns over wage demands.

Despite all the Treasury restrictions, "we are one of the country's biggest development investors, with an annual budget of \$50 million for the work," Raziel noted.

THE SECRET of the authority's success is its obsession with efficiency. When the containers made their appearance and quickly revolutionized shipping, they found Israel's ports ready to handle them, but not with a lot of overcapacity that would have made the work very expensive.

Due to the technological revolution in port operations that has taken place during the past 15 years, the authority has reduced its work force from 7,000 to a trim 2,500. It was able to do so, thanks to its ability to

offer the men attractive early retirement schemes or generous severance compensation from its Funds.

It has also kept its administrative staff lean, making up only 400 of the 2,500 employees.

Raziel spent 29 years in the chemical industry before he took over the authority three years ago. "I know the tremendous harm that is caused when the factory can't deliver because the ports are on strike. So I strive to resolve problems without strikes. This doesn't mean throwing money at the workers - for one thing we are bound by the national wage policies and restraints - but hearing them out. A lot can be achieved by talking," he said.

He said that the average wage in the ports is about NIS 2,000 (gross) monthly, though the operators of the expensive equipment make more. Because the men do not contribute to the pension fund, their take-home pay is a little higher than the gross indicates.

It's not a princely sum but it's not bad and a port job is much sought after "because it's a safe job. Now that we have reduced the labour force to its optimal size, with the exception of Ashdod where we still have perhaps 250 too many men but must make allowance for many of them being in poor health, we foresee no major new layoffs. So the prospects are for an assured pension at the end of the road."

RAZIEL WANTS the new railways to be run on the lines of the Ports Authority.

"The \$4 million a year they [the railroads] now spend on 'development' is a joke, not enough to keep the outdated rolling stock going."

"I think the railroad must carve out its natural place in the country's economy. Air-conditioned passenger coaches, container carrying railcars, a return to transporting citrus fruit exports to the ports and in so many more than five years, suburban commuter services for Haifa and the Dan region."

He does not see money as the main problem, as the authority has large reserves it can lend and the manufacturers are willing to deliver orders on good credit terms too. An Australian concern is already considering the Eilat rail link, and Raziel holds that an efficient passenger service linking Tel Aviv with Ben-Gurion Airport and Jerusalem is also a project worthy of attention. For a start, a 13km. stretch between Hadera and Pardes Hanna is to be expanded into a double line, which will allow much faster and more frequent service on the Tel Aviv-Haifa mainline.

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A bundle of trouble

The Egged strike is, we hope, going to hasten the demise of this intensely unpopular monopoly.

Unlike the nurses or doctors, the Egged cooperative members and even workers, have no reserve of public sympathy to use up in the course of their struggle. Within five minutes of starting strike action, they were living on borrowed time. The only question is how long it takes before this empire of protektsia, feather-bedding and waste of public money is treated to a shake-out.

There was a time when the idea of cutting Egged down to size was intellectually detectable but devoid of practical implications. No longer. In an Israel wherein Solal Boneh is more dead than alive, and the meohavim being picked over in an attempt to find survivors beneath the rubble, nothing is a sacred cow any longer. There are no more preserved species. Take, if you like, one of the biggest bovines of them all - the Israel Aircraft Industries. Not only does every passing day see more opposition mount to the future of the Lavi, but now we find the entire IAI is under attack.

Egged, historically, has been synonymous with protektsia. Knowing the right people has never been a bad thing, in any society. In politicized ones like Israel, it has often made all the difference. But even this has limits, as has been twice demonstrated within one week, by Bank Leumi.

First they took the Hurvitz brothers to the cleaners and found they came out rather threadbare, despite the family name and prestige.

Then, yesterday, came reports of Bank Leumi - its new boss clearly engaged in cleaning out the accumulated clutter as quickly as possible - moving against Landeco Investment Co., owned by Aharon Rubinstein - father of the ex-cabinet minister and Shimon party leader.

Landeco is another long-running story, both within and outside Bank Leumi, and if it has indeed reached the end of the line it will be no great surprise. It is also being reported that Landeco, unlike the Hurvitz companies, has ample assets to cover its loans, and its problems are mainly liquidity-oriented.

The common feature between the two cases - and the earlier, but still rumbling, problems of the Shifit hotel chain - is that, when you get down to the bottom of the barrel, even the best names and connections can't help.

And so back to Egged. The comfortable old myths behind which Egged has sheltered for so long can all be blown away without much effort. The last thing Egged should have wanted to do was to focus public attention on itself.

Why, for instance, should Egged be subsidized at all? The stock answer, dating back to the 1950s - like so much obsolete trash in the Israeli economy, especially its Hishdrot sector - is that Egged's national duty is to drive buses to every outlying settlement, wherever it may be. This is twaddle.

The government's duty is certainly to ensure that every settlement, especially on the borders, has public transport serving it. But who says that sending Egged buses is the best, or even the only way of achieving that aim? Egged's business is to be efficient and make a profit. The government's is to look after the national interest.

A less bossy, less know-all, less paternalistic government would simply put out to private tender all the various routes, including the rural ones, and accept the best offers on all of them. It might deliberately bias the criteria in the more distant areas in favour of local-based entrepreneurs, who would live and work in, for instance, Kiryat Shmona, thereby boosting the local economy.

As for the fact that these lines are uneconomic - i.e., the prices that the private sector would charge are more than the locals could afford to pay - the answer to that is to give the necessary subsidy directly to the local authority concerned and let it pay the difference between the market price and what people could afford, directly to the winner of the tender. That would be a big improvement on giving the subsidy to Egged to get lost in its total operation.

For those who can't yet stomach such far-reaching proposals, here's another simple question: Why are all Egged inter-urban buses the same size, shape and capacity, and all urban buses also standardized? Maybe some routes would be better served by mini-buses, transit vans or other forms of road transport. Even today Egged figured out that a double-decker to Eilat made sense, while Dan, its after-ego in the greater Tel Aviv region, has introduced two-section single-decker buses on some Tel Aviv routes.

Running an enormous bus to Kfar Blooms on the border with Outer Mongolia is obviously a no-go proposition. A small transit might make more sense. Letting Cohen from Kfar Blooms bid for and win the route makes even more sense. For the rest, let the central government give the money to the Kfar Blooms council. And let us all be rid of Egged, its monopoly, its wasteful subsidies and its strikes.

Lynn says it has cost the economy \$10b.

MK slams 'mismanagement'

By KEN SCHACHTER
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - Israeli business has suffered \$10 billion in losses over the past two-and-a-half years because of faulty decision-making and lax management, MK Uriel Lynn charged yesterday.

Speaking before the Insurance Forum, the Likud MK reeled off a long list of companies and institutions that have failed, or are facing dire economic straits: El Al, Beit Shemesh Engines, Solal Boneh, Israel Aircraft Industries, the meohavim, the kibbutzim, the sick funds, the banks.

The staggering losses can be traced to "bad management," he

said, and in particular to a lack of accountability.

"One doesn't have to assume any personal responsibility for failures," he said. Israel Aircraft Industries is on the verge of losing \$60 million to \$100 million, he said.

A key link in the chain of irresponsibility is the banks, which dole out loans to failing organizations rather than acting to staunch the financial hemorrhaging, he said.

Also coming in for criticism was the Bank of Israel, whose supervisor Lynn called weak, and the government, which lacks a systematic decision-making process.

In general, he said, the govern-

ment doesn't initiate policy, but relies on the Treasury to react to the frequent economic emergencies.

Critics of Israeli business often point to a lack of productivity, but Lynn said a clear line should be drawn between productivity per employee and productivity per capita. Productivity per employee is comparable to that in Italy and Britain, he said, and not far below that of Japan and Sweden. But productivity per capita is \$5,200 per year, about half the \$11,000 registered in mid-sized European countries like Sweden, the Netherlands and Denmark.

"Our problem is not productivity per employed person, but rather productivity per capita."

UK jobless total falls below 3m.

LONDON (Reuters). - British unemployment fell through the psychologically important three million barrier last month for the first time in years, the Department of Employment reported yesterday.

The total number out of work fell from 3.1 million in April to 2.98 million last month, the biggest single month-on-month fall on record. Even the seasonally adjusted figures, a more accurate indicator of the joblessness trend, dipped under three million to 2.95 million, a fall of over 64,000.

The news brought further cheer to Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, returned to power with a sweeping majority in last week's elections.

Unemployment has tripled since she first took over in 1979, though it has fallen steadily over the last 11 months. The Tories had hoped for the breakthrough last month, during the election campaign.

Thatcher's new employment secretary, Norman Fowler, hailed the statistics but said the government was still concerned about the country's still high 11 per cent joblessness rate. Opposition Labour Party leaders accused the government of manipulating the figures, claiming that more than four million were in fact without work.

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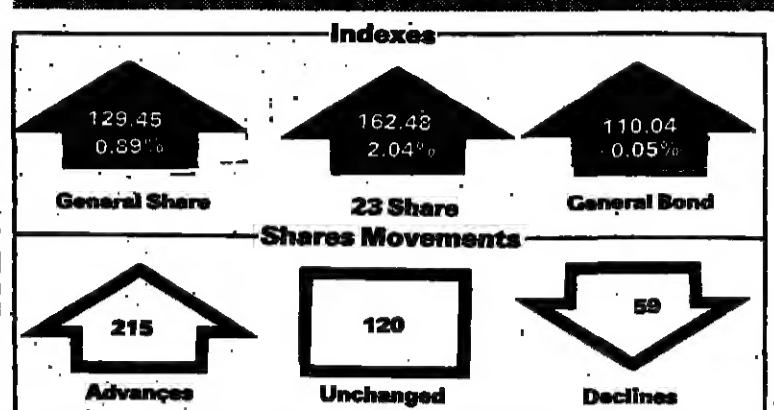
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The slippery slope

IT IS NOT TRUE that terrorism cannot be extirpated by means of military repression. It can be, depending on the means employed. The proof lies in the record of more than one tyranny in the present century. So when the cry rises, as it does in this country these days, for a drastic revision of security policy that will make Judea and Samaria absolutely safe for Jews, the first question to ask is which means are being envisioned.

A few weeks ago U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, speaking from a rostrum at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, took an official potshot at what he described as Israel's "harsh measures" in the territories. Mr. Pickering did not ignore the necessity of battling terrorism: he referred to the "cycle of bloodletting" that had manifested itself just then in the brutal murder of young Rami Haba of Eilon Moreh.

He nevertheless put it to his Israeli listeners that Washington was "deeply opposed" to such measures as "deportation, administrative detention and the destruction and sealing of houses," particularly when carried out without due process of law.

The ambassador's criticism was not very well received in some quarters. Measures, it was said, had after all to be taken to stamp out terrorism if the Jewish settlers were not to take liberties with the law. But Mr. Pickering's point was obviously that Israel's anti-terrorist strategy was undermining its character as a country of laws without even extirpating terrorism; and his local critics failed to explain how they intended to cope with the problem.

Especially with the problem of "cold" terrorism - typically the sporadic, locally-initiated stoning of Jewish cars on the roads between Jewish towns and settlements - as distinct from the problem of "hot" terrorism, which is mainly directed from across the borders, and in minimizing which the security forces have, without undue publicity, scored significant successes.

A golden opportunity to present his programme in the field was offered Ariel Sharon, the industry and trade minister, on his visit to Kiryat Arba last Tuesday.

In an address to the townspeople Mr. Sharon left no doubt, even without saying so, that he was on the side of the Kiryat Arba militants and their comrades-in-arms and against the OC Central Command, Aluf Amram Mitzna, who had taken them severely to task for the rampage they tried to stage at the nearby Dehaishe refugee camp three days earlier. The Herut leader agreed that responsibility for the security of Jews - for some reason he avoided any mention of Arabs in this context - lay strictly with the government. But only when such responsibility expressed itself not only in words, but in deeds.

Apart from his rhetoric, which was plain and simple incitement against the army, Mr. Sharon did not disclose which more vigorous deeds than those already done he had in mind.

A clue to Mr. Sharon's thinking may have been supplied in the list of counter-terror proposals submitted to the National Religious Party by prodigal son Hanan Porat, a Gush Emunim Founding Father, this week. But not much more than a clue: Mr. Porat proposes unspecified "harsher measures" against Arab terrorists, and a more aggressive stance against anti-Israel agitators. Evidently unpersuaded that these will do, Mr. Porat also suggests political action.

Such as a firm pledge of Israeli withdrawal from at least the most heavily Arab-populated parts of the West Bank, maybe? No, rather the opposite. By making it crystal-clear to the Palestinians - presumably through the further spread of Jewish settlements in their midst, if not through outright annexation of the territories - that they will forever remain Israel's subjects.

But suppose they remain unpersuaded and are as a result only provoked to even more bitter resistance to their occupier. What then? Then, it would seem, still harsher measures will have to be taken, which politicians such as Mr. Sharon and Mr. Porat do not for the moment spell out but which others - such as Meir Kahane - do, and which, in the final analysis, boil down to the mass deportation of recalcitrant Palestinians. All in the name of Jewish values, of course.

POPE

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outrage throughout the Jewish world.

Representatives of several Jewish organizations yesterday attempted to call on Archbishop Carlo Curi, the Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem, to protest against the invitation.

But the apostolic delegate refused to receive them at his residence on the Mount of Olives.

In the absence of formal diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel, the Apostolic Delegate is the senior diplomatic representative of the Pope in the country.

Speaking to reporters, Kalman Sultank, vice president of the World Jewish Congress and a Holocaust survivor, called the invitation a "great setback to relations between Catholics and Jews, which have improved greatly over the last 25 years."

"We call on the pope to rescind the invitation to Waldheim," a spokesman for the Zionist General Council told The Jerusalem Post that, earlier in the day, a member of the group had called the Apostolic Delegate to inform him of their intention to come. At that time, a secretary had said that "if he is here, he will receive you."

In a printed statement, the Zionist General Council, presently meeting in Jerusalem, said it took a "serious view" of the invitation to Waldheim "at a time when all the enlightened countries of the world refuse to receive him."

A statement by the WJCS said that "the Vatican's moral credibility is being seriously undermined." It

called on the Pope "not to walk down this immoral, insulting and insensitive path."

In the U.S., Jewish organizations have expressed shock and outrage, saying the Austrian president should be ostracized for his wartime activities.

In April, the U.S. put Waldheim on its "watch list," effectively barring him from the country on suspicion that he participated in Nazi persecutions in the Balkans while he was a lieutenant in World War II.

"This is a tragedy for the Vatican and a sad day for Catholic-Jewish relations," said Elan Steinberg, Executive Director of the World Jewish Congress.

"We regret deeply that Pope John Paul II sees fit to meet with Waldheim," said Seymour Reich, head of B'nai B'rith International. "Such a meeting offers Waldheim a cloak of respectability that he does not deserve."

Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared: "The American government passed the proper judgment on the wartime conduct of Kurt Waldheim. We are deeply disturbed by this invitation which we find incomprehensible."

Dozens of Jewish organizations throughout Western Europe are preparing public campaigns to ask the pope to withdraw his invitation.

In the Netherlands, Jewish leaders said they had sent a telegram to the pope's ambassador to The Hague, expressing dismay at the Vatican's decision.

They described the invitation as "an affront to all those who showed resistance to, or were victims of, the Nazis."

France's chief rabbi, Rene Sirat, said the meeting was "intolerable" and an insult to the memory of the Nazi victims.

In Italy itself, the president of the Federation of Italian Jewish Communities, Tullia Zevi, warned that it "could have negative consequences on relations between Catholics and Jews."

SHIMON PERES is mad at his party. "Why do I have to switch on the radio every morning and hear Haim Kaufman?" (He is referring to the chairman of the Likud Knesset faction.) "What's the matter with you - have you forgotten how to talk?" he is reported to have recently said in a closed party forum. What Peres wants his colleagues to talk about is the international conference. He believes Israel missed several opportunities for breakthrough in the peace process in the past, and it is determined that it should not miss this one.

As he explained his position at the meeting of the World Bureau of the World Labour Zionist Movement last Friday, June 12, the peace is needed for two reasons. First, neither Israel nor the Arabs can afford the cost of the new generation of arms, and the U.S. and the Soviet Union are unlikely to continue footing the bill indefinitely. Secondly, both the Arabs and Israel have demographic problems - they, hungry mouths; we, the prospect of losing numerical predominance in Eretz Yisrael west of the River Jordan.

Peres doesn't speak of the desire for peace in abstract, idealistic, terms. If peace is to be sold as a commodity to the Israeli public, it must be sold in pragmatic terms. Simply, no peace spells catastrophe. Nothing to do with rights, justice or world public opinion.

Paradoxically, Peres has found the external campaign for the international conference much easier and more gratifying than the internal campaign - whether in the government, the Knesset or even in his own party. He believes that the international conference issue should be the focus of his party's policy, for the sake of which concessions should be made to potential coalition partners in a future narrow government.

Part of his difficulties with his own colleagues is that not everyone accepts his priorities. Some are worried about the lack of proper procedures in the decision-making process, and feel that Peres himself is one of the culprits. Others believe that the great battle today should be to save the health services, the education system and the farming settlements.

Peres goes it alone for his place in history

Susan Hattis Rolef

Many object to making further concessions to the religious camp. In his speech last week, he accused party members of viewing pluralism as a one-way street, demanding that the religious camp should be more tolerant towards the secular. But many in the secular camp feel that so far tolerance has only worked to their detriment, since by definition, the religious camp regard them as nothing but obstacles on the road to redemption. If one goes on making concessions to the religious camp, even for the purpose of obtaining its support for the peace process, we may have peace, but Israel will no longer be the sort of state we want it to be.

WHILE NO ONE in the Labour Party objects to the peace process, and most members have no alternative to Peres's course, there is a great deal of scepticism about King Hussein's intentions and motives.

As Ezer Weizman said at the gathering of Labour doves on March 1: "Every day I turn on Jordan TV and see Hussein kissing his brother before boarding a plane for some trip abroad. Why doesn't he come to the Allenby

Bridge to kiss Shimon? I have a feeling that if we start talking to the Palestinians, Hussein will come running..."

That, incidentally, is the answer to Peres's argument that the only alternative to an international conference as an umbrella for direct talks with Hussein is for Israel to announce in advance what concessions it is willing to make. This, of course, is totally unacceptable.

There is another alternative - talking to the Palestinians. And I am not referring to Simora, Nusseibeh, Abu Rahma or even Freij. There is something in the argument that even if Israel reaches a settlement with Hussein, it will not bring peace: the Palestinians will continue their struggle.

In the final reckoning, there will be no peace without the Palestinians, and their suppression by Hussein's forces rather than by the IDF will not stop the disorders and terrorist attacks.

HOWEVER, Peres is perhaps correct when he says that most members of the Labour Party aren't pulling their weight on the international conference because they are more concerned

with their own position within the party, and with publicity in the media.

It is also a fair guess that many party members view Peres's move as part of his determination to go down in history, if not as a second Ben-Gurion, at least as his authentic heir.

There is an additional fact that Peres ought to take into account. Even Labour's most senior members complain that he embarked on his international conference course without consulting anyone but his advisers, rushing ahead without first ensuring that the party was with him. When the issue nearly caused the break-up of the national unity government, many Labour Knesset members were still heard saying: "We hope Shimon can deliver the goods..."

Abroad - apparently yes. In the government and Knesset - no. People don't like being overlooked when major decisions are taken, and then being scolded for not pulling their weight when things don't run smoothly.

IT WAS only on June 11 that the Labour Party Bureau finally decided that the party should harness itself to the campaign.

Better late than never. But why didn't this happen earlier? Why couldn't the chairman have got the party to make a decision six months ago? Or alternatively, why couldn't the party have decided that the chairman's priorities are not acceptable, if that is the way it feels?

Why did the situation have to deteriorate into an open, public confrontation between the chairman and the party?

Shimon Peres playing the martyr and the rest of the party nodding its head sagely, or murmuring: "We shouldn't have let him stop smoking," isn't really getting us, or the international conference, anywhere. If the decision is to go ahead - well, allons y. Perhaps what the Labour Party needs at the moment is some professionally-run courses in group dynamics.

The writer is editor of the Labour Party's monthly journal Spectrum.

READERS' LETTERS

YORDIM STATE THEIR CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir - We are pariahs in our homeland. Once scorned as yordim, we are now envied and viewed as enlightened ones, while those who commit themselves to aliya are no more than, to borrow a phrase from Noel Coward, "mad dogs ... out in the noonday sun." There are currently hundreds of thousands of Israelis scattered abroad, but mainly on the two coasts of the United States. Though we can only speak for ourselves, there is a consensus that something needs to be done to circumvent an impending disaster.

Our roots, very deep ones, are here in Israel: family, friends, our childhood, youth, army and school years. We not only love this country, we are part of it, yet we no longer want to be counted amongst its citizens, let alone live here. Whereas it is an indisputable fact that Israel is unique in countless ways, it is equally true that life has become intolerable as an Israeli citizen.

We are perpetually homesick, but no longer feel guilty. The stigma of a traitor no longer applies or even exists. Why are those who have left respected and those who can visit when they please and then return abroad envied? The material benefits and comforts are not the primary lure, not the reason that Israelis are packing and leaving in droves in search of greener pastures. Rather, the politics that are leading this country to an economical abyss and toward a moral and societal catastrophe while citizens are impotent to

OBJECT-LESSON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir - A young West German flying a light Cessna plane violates Soviet air space and lands in Moscow's Red Square.

Within 24 hours, the Soviet Defence Minister is retired and the commander of the air defence system sacked.

I wonder whether we can learn anything from all this.

N.J. MENDELSON

Haifa.

TAX FOR THE LAVI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir - In response to Health Minister Arbeli-Almosino's proposal to charge travellers an additional tax to finance the Lavi project, we are more than willing to pay this additional levy if the minister is willing to fly to our destinations on the Lavi. We suggest that ministers like Mrs. Arbeli-Almosino give up their new 1987 Volvos and contribute the difference to the Lavi project. Subarus also get you to the Knesset on time!

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POSTAL CANCELLATIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir - Our postal cancellations are designed to show the name of the locality in three languages: Hebrew, Arabic and English. But do they do that?

No, because instead of the English "Jerusalem" we get "Yerushalayim" in Latin characters. And if it is the intention to show the word Yerushalayim in Hebrew, Arabic and Latin characters, why then does the Arabic version read El Kuds?

G.D. BALTINESTER

Haifa.

CARTER AD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir - Shortly before a teaching trip in India, the undersigned ran an ad, an "open letter" to former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, in The Jerusalem Post. It attracted some replies (most supportive, some not) I had not answered and was carrying in a briefcase, stolen in Rome. Only through your column can I now explain my silence and at the same time thank some who helped pay the ad's cost.

GRANT B. LIVINGSTONE

Jerusalem.

CHARADE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir - Bravo on your editorial of May 29. "No immune deficiency here." It was very courageously written.

However, I cannot help feeling that a vital point was omitted. Our "representatives" in the Knesset do not represent the electorate, and until we have a fundamental change in the way we elect our Knesset members, we can expect to continue with the charade of "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil."

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